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## Kuwait forms squad to combat hijackers

KUWAIT, stung by the hijacking of one of its jumbo jets by Shiite extremists, is to hire foreign experts to train a special anti-terrorist squad to combat sky pirates, security officials disclosed yesterday.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the planned 100-strong force will be attached in the Interior Ministry after a six-month training programme in Kuwait and abroad.

They gave no other details and did not identify the foreign specialists.

Most Western European countries, including Britain, France, Italy and West Germany, have elite units who have been in action against terrorists over the last 20 years.

Al-Seyassah daily reported yesterday that Kuwaiti security authorities, aided by unidentified foreign intelligence agencies, have identified the hijackers. It did not elaborate.

## A wife can kick out her husband

CAIRO, April 25, (UPI): A Cairo court has ruled a wife may kick her husband out if she owns their home or holds the lease, a local press report said.

The cassation court said under Islamic law the responsibility of providing the home rests with the man, the newspaper Al Akhbar reported in today's editions.

The court, one of Egypt's highest, ruled a man is obligated in buy or rent living quarters which he should furnish for his wife. If the wife does so, then she is doing it "out of tolerance and not because of any prior obligation," the court said.

In this case, the court said the wife has the right to kick her husband out or bar him from the home.

### Response

The court issued the ruling in response to a lawsuit filed by an unidentified woman who barred her husband from their apartment on the grounds she held the lease for it and owned the furniture.

A lower court ruled in the man's favour, arguing the marriage bond gave him the right of access to the apartment. The cassation court ruling reversed the lower court decision.

Many apartments in Egypt remain vacant because they are too expensive for most citizens, who face a lack of affordable housing.

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## Forgive and forget policy abandoned: Sheikh Saad

# No ransom paid for hostages: Premier



HH the Crown Prince talking with the editors-in-chief of local dailies.

said Sheikh Saad.

He noted that despite threats by the hijackers to kill all aboard the plane if their demands were not met, Kuwait kept saying "no" to any kind of bargain or deal "no matter what the consequences."

He said: "Kuwait has proved to the whole world that it will not budge an inch from its principles."

"I always told you that the strength of the Kuwaiti people lies in the unity of the home front, and all said in one voice: 'We refuse to bow and we reject blackmail.'

Replies to a question on Kuwait's stand on the rumours claiming that a deal was struck between the government and the

hijackers, Sheikh Saad stressed: "We don't work in the dark. We have worked and will work for the interest of Kuwait and its people."

On the formation of a committee to find the loopholes in security measures which led to the hijacking, Sheikh Saad said the cabinet has already decided to form a special committee under the chairmanship of Justice Minister Dhari Al Othman.

### Freedom

"The committee will have complete freedom and all the time it needs to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident," Sheikh Saad said, affirming that if any deliberate negligence was discovered, those

responsible will "pay the price."

He noted that Kuwait has started implementing plans to train Kuwaiti youth in anti-terrorist techniques. He urged all Arabs in joint hands in combatting terrorism.

The Crown Prince said that the government's "forgive and forget" policy is no longer valid, warning that those who intend to infringe on the country's security will pay a dear price.

Asked if the lack of security on the hijacked plane was due to a dispute between the Ministries of Finance and Interior, he said: "We all have to wait for the report by the investigating committee."

Sheikh Saad was asked whether he thinks the Israeli intelligence, Mossad, had a role in the hijack. Sheikh Saad said there was no information available yet of Mossad's involvement, but added: "It will not appear strange if Mossad had a hand in the incident."

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The premier expressed happiness over Iraq's liberation of the peninsula and hoped Iran will accept the UN resolution 598 to end the Gulf war.

## Arafat meets Assad to heal 5-year-old rift

DAMASCUS, April 25, (Agencies): PLO chief Yasir Arafat, his leadership beset by the assassination of his deputy, met with Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad, presidential spokesman Jibril Khuriel said.

The meeting, only the second time the two key Arab leaders have come face-to-face since 1983, came amid efforts to end a bloody five-year-old feud that has bedeviled the Arab world.

Khuriel said the meeting began at 2 pm (1400 GMT) at Assad's palace.

The PLO leader was accompanied by Farouk Kaddoumi, who also heads the PLO's political department and Arafat's No. 2, Salah Khalaf, the spokesman said.

Five other members of the central committee of Fatah, the PLO's main component, also attended: Hani Al Hassan, Rafiq Al Natsheh, Hayel Abdul Hamid, Salim Al Zaanoun and Mohammed Rabe Ghneim. Khuriel noted.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharra accompanied Assad, the spokesman added.

Arafat earlier met with his top aides to prepare for the crucial session with Assad.

George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said after the meeting of the PLO executives: "We discussed the central issues which Arafat is going to raise with Syrian President."

**Chance**

Habash said the Palestinian leadership was determined "to invest this opportunity" to reconcile Arafat with members of the rebel faction "because it is a rare chance to back the uprising in the (Israeli-occupied) territories and resume relations between the PLO and Syria."

A meeting between Arafat and the Palestine National Salvation Front is possible, Habash said, referring to the Syrian-backed hardline coalition of six Palestinian factions formed in 1985 to oppose Arafat's policies.

**Role**

Palestinian officials described Arafat's return to Syria, as the opening of a new chapter in relations between Syria and the PLO which he heads.

Assad today met Colonel Mustafa Al Kharoubi, a member of Libya's Revolutionary Council who accompanied Arafat aboard the private Libyan jet from Tripoli yesterday after a

PLO-Libyan reconciliation last week.

Arab diplomats said Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid played a major role in paving the way for PLO-Syria reconciliation.

A powerful delegation of Arafat's PLO mainstream Fatah group held successful talks with Syria Vice-President Abd Halim Khaddam to prepare for the Arafat-Assad meeting.

Palestinian officials said all anti-Arafat groups except Abu Musa's, held talks with the PLO's political department and Arafat's No. 2, Salah Khalaf, the spokesman said.

Khaddam stressed the need for PLO unity who he met representatives of the Damascus-based National Salvation Front grouping five bardine Palestinian organisations previously opposed to Arafat, they added.

The Syrian move to normalize relations with Arafat was based on a clear rejection of US Middle East peace moves, a Syrian official said.

### Rights

"We support everyone who is opposed to accords which do not recognise the legitimate rights of the Arab people," he said. Palestinians should accept nothing less than this, he added.

"We feel that at this particular time all efforts should be directed to support the Palestinian uprising in the (Israeli-occupied) territories with all possible means and to dispense with formalities," he said.

**Shah**

Palestinian sources said Syria wanted the PLO to take a clear stand against the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt but would not insist on it breaking ties with Cairo.

Immediately after he arrived in the Syrian capital, Arafat visited the grave of his slain deputy Khalil Al Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, killed by gunmen who burst into his seaside villa on April 16.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, today welcomed the new development to the Palestinian-Syrian relations.

Sheikh Sabah said: "We are deeply delighted by this rapprochement between the brothers in Syria and the PLO which they opeo.

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## Threats will not change US policy

WASHINGTON, April 25, (Agencies): The White House said yesterday US policy would not be affected by "terrorist threats" to kill American hostages in Lebanon.

A White House spokesman said he was aware of press reports from Lebanon that the captors of two American hostages had threatened to kill them if there were any more US attacks on Iran in the Gulf.

While not confirming that the White House had been officially informed of the threats, the spokesman, Norman Popaduk, said in a prepared statement read over the telephone.

### Safety

"We hold the kidnappers responsible for the safety of all the hostages. We call for the prompt and safe release of all the hostages and our policy will not be affected by terrorist threats."

The latest threat was delivered by the pro-Iranian Revolutionary Justice Organization (RJO) to kill American hostages in the Gulf.

It came a day after US officials said the Reagan administration might expand protection to the Gulf to neutral ships not flying the American flag, and less than a week after the US Navy sank or disabled six Iranian war vessels.

"The American attack in the Gulf will not pass without punishment," said the spokesman.

**Death toll rises**

BEIRUT, April 25, (Reuters): The death toll from a car bomb in the north Lebanese port of Tripoli rose to at least 60 as the Syrian-held town observed a strike today to mourn its dead.

**Iran vows to retaliate**

DAMASCUS, April 25, (Agencies): Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati says his country will retaliate for any future move by the US fleet in the Gulf, the state-run Syrian news agency Sana reported yesterday.

"Iran will not stay idle ... We will retaliate against any American move ... Iran has the power to defend itself," Velayati told a news conference late yesterday at the end of a two-day visit to Damascus.

He rebuffed what he called "US allegations" that Iran was planting mines in the Gulf waters.

### Situation

"These allegations are mere pretenses to justify the American intervention in the Gulf and designed to give support to the Iraqi regime," Velayati said.

He said Iran does not advocate missile strikes at cities in the 7-1/2-year-old Gulf war but warned

Velayati handed Assad a letter from Iranian President Ali Khamenei during the two-hour meeting. But he would not elaborate on its contents. Later he returned to Tehran.

## Curfew clamped on West Bank town

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 25, (AP): Soldiers clamped a curfew on a Palestinian town in the occupied territories today while police kept a watchful eye on a row of Arab-owned shops in Jerusalem in an attempt to break a strike orchestrated by underground PLO leaders.

Elsewhere in the disputed territories, troops lifted curfew restrictions from two refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, permitting thousands of Palestinians to return to their jobs in Israel.

The Army said the eased restrictions followed a two-day lull in a 19-week-old uprising against Israeli occupation in which 173 Palestinians and two Israelis have died, according to UN figures.

Troops, however, imposed a nighttime curfew in the northern West Bank town of Kalkilya after disturbances yesterday in which there were no injuries, a military spokesman said.

**Compromise**

Labour has in the past called for a territorial compromise with Jordan while the Likud objects to conceding any of the occupied lands.

Figures released by the Defence Ministry indicated the Army has spent at least \$162-million on quelling the 19-week-old Arab uprising.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday told the cabinet that 1,700 Palestinians, more than one-third of the 4,900 arrested since Dec. 9, were being held without trial for up to six months.

Rabin also said the Justice Ministry was hampering Army efforts to deport more Palestinian agitators, Israel media said. Since Dec. 9, Israel has deported 20 Palestinians to Lebanon and ordered at least four others expelled.

## Expanded US protection in the Gulf favoured

A KUWAITI oil official has said he favours a plan being debated in Washington to extend US naval protection in the Gulf to any neutral vessel under attack.

Saad Matouq, fleet manager (west) at the Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC), said this would help to deter raids on Gulf shipping stemming from the Iran-Iraq war.

**Protection**

"There are a lot of ships in the area without any protection ... if some sort of Navy will protect them then definitely this will give a chance for everyone to resume (safe) passage," he said.

KOTC put half its 22-tanker fleet under the American flag last year to obtain US protection from Iranian attacks.

US warships in the Gulf now have orders to defend only ships

carrying the US flag.

Matouq said the discovery of a new minefield east of Bahrain, which Washington says was laid by Iran, did not pose a direct threat to ships because its location was known. "Shippers just have to avoid the area by a new route."

He also said KOTC would put a new oil products tanker, Al Kuwaiya, into service in mid-May. It is the first of six new tankers commissioned from a South Korean shipyard, all of which Matouq said would fly the Kuwaiti flag.

**Reagan's message**

US President Reagan has sent a message to HH the Amir of Kuwait on the present situation in the Gulf region.

The message was yesterday handed over to the Amir by the American ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell.

## INTERNATIONAL



Marcos: hopes

**Aquino won't allow Marcos to return**

MANILA, April 25, (AP): President Corazon Aquino said yesterday she has no intention of allowing former President Ferdinand Marcos to return.

"I just want our people to know and to reassure them that I will never do anything that will go against the interests of the Filipino people," Aquino said during her weekly radio programme "ask the President." She was responding to two women who said they were disappointed that she had sent emissaries early this year to meet with Marcos, who has been living in Hawaii since his ouster in February 1986.

One of the women said she was on the verge of disillusionment with Aquino because of reports that government representatives were negotiating with Marcos for his possible return. Aquino's spokesman had earlier denied the reports.

Marcos told reporters in Honolulu last week that negotiations with Aquino's government were continuing and he was told he could return in two months to act as a government adviser.

Aquino said she sent two of her relatives to meet with Marcos last January and February because she had heard his health was "really deteriorating very fast" and that he had a message for her.

"My directions to my relatives ... were very clear — just to listen to what Mr Marcos had to say," Aquino said. "Never did I say that he could come back or that I wanted him to advise me and help me (find) the solutions to our problems."

**Rajiv vows to implement socialism**

NEW DELHI, April 25, (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on Sunday pledged to implement socialism in India said it is his Congress Party that alone can govern the country.

"We will launch a battle against poverty and unemployment. We shall take a pledge to implement the socialist pattern of society," Rajiv was quoted as saying by the United News of India at his party's annual conference.

The two-day conference ended in the south Indian town of Maramalaiagar, 45 kilometres (28 miles) south of Madras City in Tamil Nadu state.

State-owned television said 100,000 delegates attended the conference.

In political resolutions adopted at the conference, Congress leaders said their party was the only one that can ensure the unity of India and see that the nation of 800 million people prospers.

Conference speakers blasted India's opposition parties and said their efforts to unite were aimed at grabbing political powers.

**Ershad opens new parliament****Bombs rock Bangladesh capital**

DHAKA, April 25, (Reuters): Five home-made bombs exploded in the Bangladesh capital today at the start of an eight-hour, opposition-led general strike aimed at disrupting the opening of parliament.

No injuries were reported from the bombs, which police said were made of metal fragments and explosives and set off in the Maghbazar area.

Five thousand military police patrolled Dhaka in response to the strike call by 21 opposition parties.

Shops, offices and banks were shuttered during the strike. All private cars and commuters stayed off the streets. But government buses and a large number of Dhaka's 100,000 cycle rickshaws moved normally.

Officials said the strike did not disrupt airlines, trains or ferry services.

**Crisis**

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad denounced the opposition's series of strikes in his address opening the new parliament.

"The undeclared objective of undulating hartals (strikes) soon after the devastating floods was

to cause famine ... which their sponsors believe would create crisis for the government and inevitably lead to transfer of power.

"As a cumulative effect of all these the GDP (gross domestic product) growth in the current financial year is expected to be around 2.6 per cent (down from a 5.1 per cent target)," he said.

The house press gallery was empty for his speech as local journalists boycotted the session demanding more press freedom and withdrawal of a ban on some newspapers.

**Security**

Dhaka metropolitan police chief Nasrullah Khan ordered that anyone entering a three-mile (five km) radius of the parliament building would need a pass. He also banned movement of vehicles carrying arms and explosives in the area.

The 21 parties duh the new parliament as "fake" because they say it emerged through a rigged election on March 3. They had boycotted the election and asked Ershad to step down. They want him to hand over power to a caretaker government that would call fresh elections.

**Egypt marks return of Sinai anniversary****Mubarak renews peace pledge**

CAIRO, April 25, (UPI): President Hosni Mubarak, celebrating the sixth anniversary of Israel's evacuation of the Sinai desert, today affirmed Egypt's commitment to peace despite what he called the threats of war and terrorism in the Middle East.

In a nationwide radio and television broadcast marking the occasion, Mubarak said: "We are living in a part of the world threatened by bloody wars and evil terrorism and torn apart by international ambitions and disputes."

"This grave situation only adds to our commitment to peace," Mubarak said. "Therefore, we are sparing no effort at Arab and international forums to help the peoples of the region reach this noble objective."

Israel evacuated the Sinai desert, which it seized from Egypt in 1967, in line with a peace treaty signed by the two countries in March 1979. The evacuation was completed on April 25, 1982 and the desert peninsula reverted to Egyptian sovereignty.

The anniversary comes as Egyptian-Israeli relations are at their lowest point since the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Egypt repeatedly protests to Israel its clampdown on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and has accused the Jewish state of assassinating Abu Jihad, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's military commander in Tunis.

**US Initiative**

But Egypt has promoted the peace initiative of US Secretary of State George Shultz, hoping that an international conference would work out a comprehensive peace between Israel and its other Arab neighbours.

On Sunday, Mubarak placed

The government asked all parliament members and senior officials to stay in hostels adjacent to the parliament building in order to avoid being stranded during the strike.

Several thousand riot police and paramilitary troops were stationed around the parliament complex in the city's northern district to enforce a ban on street protests within two kilometres of the sprawling complex.

A parliament official said many legislators stayed in Dhaka overnight, either inside the parliament complex or in nearby houses so they could walk down to the session in spite of the strike.

Ershad's Jatiya Party won 251 of the 300 seats in the election March 3.

**Campaign**

The balloting was boycotted by the mainstream opposition parties, which have been sponsoring strikes and rallies since last Nov 10 in an effort to oust Ershad. The opposition contends that no elections can be run fairly while he remains in office.

There are 25 independent members of parliament, and the remaining 24 seats are shared by smaller opposition parties.

Opposition leaders claim that only 4.8 million of the country's 43 million voters exercised their franchise in the March polls.

In separate press statements, the main opposition leaders said today they would continue their campaign until the government was thrown out of power.

"We will not stop our movement till this autocratic regime is toppled," said Khaleda Zia, who leads the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and a seven-party opposition alliance.

Sheikh Hasina said: "This parliament has not been elected by the people, and hence it has no locus stand to touch the constitution or pass any bills."

Hasina leads the Awami League and an eight-party alliance.

Ershad has said he plans to introduce a bill in parliament to amend the constitution and declare Islam as the state religion.

On Saturday more than 1,000 women, mostly college teachers, marched through the Dhaka streets to protest the proposal.

Nearly 90 per cent of Bangladesh's citizens are Muslim, while the government has traditionally been secular.



Three-year-old Sonam Yanal of Bhutan finds the life of a diplomat tough as she takes part in World Children's Day at the United Nations. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Mini-ambassadors at United Nations**

UNITED NATIONS, April 25, (Xinhua): About 1,500 children from different countries gathered yesterday at the United Nations headquarters in New York for a "special general assembly" to celebrate the World Children's Day, calling in one voice for world peace.

The children, in their most elegant and beautiful national costumes, started the celebration with the release of 3,000 colourful balloons, a symbol of their common aspiration for peace and freedom.

Sunday was the third anniversary of the World Children's Day which was founded in 1986 by two students from New York, who wrote a letter addressed to the "kids of the world," inviting them to come together for a day with the common objective of peace.

**Ambassadors**

Since then, every fourth Sunday of April, children around the world will get together at the United Nations headquarters to celebrate the day.

Yesterday, all the children became the symbolic ambas-

sadors of their nations. When they were led into the General Assembly hall.

The spirit was one of joy and laughter. Each of them was given the opportunity to sit in their ambassador's chair, symbolising the legacy attached to future genera-

"We want to call attention to the world that the children will be inheriting the world. They want to live in peace," said Nancy Bent

net, director of the development and public relations of the World Children's Day Foundation (WCD), which along with the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) organised the celebrations.

James Ochieng, a 12-year-old boy from Kenya who was among about 40 children taking the floor, said that he is really glad to be here to celebrate the World Children's Day, because "it gives all the children a chance to express their feelings about world peace."

Yuan Yin, an eight-year-old girl from China, said that if she were a teacher, she would teach her students to "love peace and do everything for peace."

**S. Koreans choose new legislature**

SEOUL, April 25, (UPI): Campaigning for parliamentary elections was in its last day today with the ruling party hoping for a majority to solidify the power of President Roh Tae Woo while the opposition predicted a "one-party dictatorship" if his Democratic Justice Party wins.

A new controversy added more heat to the contest for National Assembly seats with a government party candidate accused of trying to mail cash gifts to voters in a provincial constituency. The ruling party expelled the candidate, apologising to the nation.

Through most polls favoured the Justice Party to win the largest number of seats, possibly a majority, in tomorrow's voting, candidates in hotly contested areas were mobilising all means to secure victory.

**Seats**

At stake in the nationwide balloting are 224 seats in the National Assembly. The other 75 "proportional representation" seats are divided up according to the number of seats won by each party.

Opposition leader Kim

Young-Sam, who lost to Roh in the Dec 16 presidential election, was running for a seat in the assembly and his arch-rival Kim Dae Jung was expected to be awarded a seat from the proportional seats won by his party.

Unlike the election fever that gripped the nation during last December's first free election since 1971 voters have given a lacklustre response to recent campaign rallies, apparently fatigued by more than a year of non-stop political turmoil.

In the election for lawmakers who will serve for four years, 1,041 candidates are competing for the 224 directly contested seats.

**Violence**

In the latest violence, one youth was arrested yesterday for hurling a firebomb at former Defence Minister Chung Ho-Yung, a close ally of Roh, in Taegu 150 miles (240 km) southeast of Seoul, while he was addressing the voters. Chung was not injured.

Political rivals have also staged scattered attacks with fists, rocks and firebombs, injuring scores of people.

**Elephants in search of beer**

GAUHATI, India, April 25, (UPI): Drunk elephants searching for rice beer rampaged throughout a remote settlement in northeastern India, killing five people, injuring 12 others and forcing thousands of terrified villagers to flee, an official said yesterday.

"People should stop making this liquor as elephants are drawn by the smell," advised Deb Roy, the state's forestries director, after the Saturday night stampede through Behali village, 1,140 miles east of New Delhi in Assam state.

He said the fumes of "lao pan," an alcoholic beverage made from rice local Hindus usually drew after the first rice harvest, lured 13 pachyderms into the settlement of more than 2,000 inhabitants on the edge of a state forest.

**Proceeded**

The elephants proceeded to imbibe the brew, and after consuming several large vats, began searching for more, he said.

Roy said villagers used firecrackers and flaming torches to try and scare away the hefty creatures but the tactics only infuriated the beasts, who rampaged through the village.

Five people — including three women — were crushed to death, and 12 other villagers were injured in the stampede, which also destroyed some 100 thatched houses, Roy said.

**NEWS IN BRIEF****Abandoned infants**

BEIJING, April 25, (Reuters): Railway authorities have opened an official register of abandoned babies after 38 infants were found in Beijing's main train station last year, the newspaper Life News said today.

It said most of the babies found by station staff were blind, deformed or retarded and were believed to have been left by peasant parents who hoped the children would be well brought up in the relatively affluent capital.

Last week, another Chinese newspaper said 25 homeless beggars had died of cold, hunger or illness in a 15-month period in the waiting rooms of Beijing's second largest railway station, in a rare official report on destitution in the capital.

**Yemens to trim guards**

ABU DHABI, April 25, (Reuters): The leaders of North and South Yemen have agreed to reduce the number of troops guarding their common frontier, South Yemeni leader Ali Salim Al-Baidh said.

"We have agreed to reduce the two sides' troops at the borders in a bid to forestall any confrontation which we totally reject," Baidh told the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Ittihad.

In the interview published today, Baidh said they were considering jointly exploiting oil deposits on the border.

**Kanak woman shot dead**

NOUMEA, April 25, (Reuters): A young Kanak woman was shot dead today, hours after French gendarmes were ordered to show no mercy to gunmen in the French-ruled South Pacific territory of New Caledonia.

Leopold Jordier, a Kanak separatist leader, said he considered the Paris government had "declared colonial war" with its announcement that gendarmes would fire back if shot at.

The Melanesian teenager was the first Kanak to die this year in an incident involving police.

**Italian restaurant opens in China**

BEIJING, April 25, (AP): The first Italian restaurant in China, Toula-Beijing of the Milan-based Toula group, opened in a Beijing hotel.

Tong Huading, general manager of the Beijing International Hotel, said at a news conference that the Chinese chefs have been trained in Italy and Toula has sent a manager and chef to oversee operations.

He said 20 per cent of the food would be imported from Italy with the remainder coming from China.

**Mayor's aide slain**

MANILA, April 25, (AP): Two men wearing jogging clothes shot dead a bodyguard of the mayor of suburban Makati as he drank coffee outside his home, police said.

Police quoted witnesses as saying the assailants shouted, "don't interfere, we're the NPA," referring to the Communist New People's Army, before the attack yesterday. But officials said they were uncertain whether they were actually rebels.

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Dhahar situation under control: Awadi

**Probe into house collapse**

KUWAIT'S Minister of Planning, Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said in a press conference yesterday that the government was investigating the collapse of a house in the Dhahar area which resulted from "geological factors." He added, "The situation in Dhahar is under control."

The Chief Engineer of the Dhahar Housing Project Jassem Al Khulaifi said that a cave-in in the area had resulted in 13 houses being vacated as a precautionary measure. A hole, measuring 31 and a half metres deep and 20 metres wide, is being filled with sand and 300 cubic metres of concrete.

He said that the soil is being tested and every effort was being made to prevent further cave-ins.

One citizen who has been relocated in the Sabah Al Salem area said that the move has been very inconvenient for him. He added that the cave in began as a small hole and then gradually kept getting bigger.

The Dhahar Housing Project consists of 2,541 houses with a population of 20,000. It has been plagued with housing problems since it was built in 1985, and a public relations office has been opened to respond to complaints made by citizens in the project.

A local newspaper reported that the hole which swallowed the car had become bigger, reaching a depth of 30 metres and a width of 15 metres. The hole was likely to engulf the adjacent subdivision if it became larger, the newspaper said.

The owner of the house of the collapsed diwaniya said that this was the second time the diwaniya had collapsed. He said he had notified the National Housing Authority (NHA) three months ago about cracks in the house but there had been no response.

He believed that other houses would also collapse.

**Security fence**

State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Rifai, Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan, Justice Minister Dbari Al Othman, NHA director general Dr Ibrahim Al Saeed, and senior officials of the NHA, Interior Ministry and Fire Department, rushed to the spot, held a meeting and decided to have the



The hole which swallowed the car



The collapsed diwaniya

houses in the area evacuated at once.

Al Roudhan said NHA staff noticed the big hole that had swallowed the car and had put up a security fence around the hole to protect people. He added that a diwaniya sank into the ground in the same area and the authorities evacuated the houses as a precaution.

He said the NHA provided flats for the house owners as a temporary measure until tests

**Distribution of books**

THE Undersecretary of the Education Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari, has instructed the schools curriculum and books department to study the ministry's needs in books in the light of statistics prepared by the planning department, the estimates of the educational

areas and the statements issued by the supplies and stores department.

He also instructed the supplies and stores department to distribute books according to the curriculum to schools under the supervision of the educational areas.

**Minister thanks staff for hijack coverage**

**INFORMATION** Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah addressed all the staff on the occasion of the end of the hijacking of the KAC jetliner and the return of the hostages to Kuwait.

He thanked the staff for the coverage of the hijacking during the 16 days.

He said the crisis enabled the staff to take part in efforts to support the national unity of Kuwait which was the strongest weapon to face challenges and crises.

Sheikh Jaber pointed out that several international news agencies and newspaper admired the Kuwaiti media for the excellent coverage of the crisis.

**Students union hosts reception**

**LOUNGE**, April 25, (Kuna): The Union of Kuwaiti Students — UK branch — hosted a reception party here last evening to observe the happy ending of the hijack ordeal.

The reception was attended by Kuwait ambassador here Ghazi Al Rayess and other Kuwaiti diplomats in addition to students from all over the UK.

The union praised the government of Kuwait for its firm position not to meet the demands of the hijackers topped by their request that 17 prisoners be released.

The 17 prisoners requested for release, the union said, are criminals who undertook a violent operation against the embassies of the US and France.

**Extension of work hours discussed**

TAREQ Al Abdul Jader, the Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs at Kuwait's Public Health Ministry, presided over a meeting of senior ministry officials and health centre directors to discuss the possibility of a one-hour extension to the health centres' work hours.

Meanwhile, Health Ministry sources said the ministry would begin outlining doctors' job descriptions, which would include clinical, supervisory and administrative positions.

**Kuwait's handling of hijack ordeal lauded**

**BAGHDAD**, April 25, (Kuna): A leading Iraqi media expert was today highly appreciative of the handling of the Kuwaiti government and people and the media of the 16-day ordeal of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner which ended in the safe return of the passengers and crew.

The Kuwaitis have shown beyond any doubt that "the will and determination of a people have nothing to do with the size of population of the country but are tied to the values of the Arabs everywhere," Director General of the Iraqi News Agency Saad Al Bazzaz told Kuna.

The government and people of Kuwait have flatly and firmly refused to bow to any form of blackmail or pressure despite the mean methods used by the hijackers throughout the "voyage of terror which lasted 16 days," he said in an interview with Kuna.

In this connection, Al Bazzaz lauded the attitude of the Kuwaiti media not only in treating the developments of the hijacking but in its overall handling of the pan-Arab issues which he described as "mature."

The Iraqi media expert concluded calling for an Arab media capable of upholding the Arab values at the present critical juncture of the history of the Arab nation as a pre-requisite to countering invaders and ambition-seekers.

At the time the press in some parts choose to give up confrontation and attend to issues of secondary importance, the press in Kuwait opted to tackle hot issues of direct bearing on the future of the Arab nation, he added.

Bazzaz said that history will remember the honourable stand of Kuwaiti media in its treatment of the Arab causes and its full dedication to the honour and wellbeing of the Arab nation against all challenges.

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**Kuwait's embassies get more congratulatory cables**

**KUWAIT**'s embassies in various countries are still receiving congratulatory cables on the great victory achieved by the release of the hostages on the hijacked KAC jetliner.

In Baghdad, the embassy was visited by ambassadors and other officials of GCC states and other countries. The visitors offered their congratulations and praised Kuwait for its firm stand against the hijacking.

In Khartoum, and Rabat the embassies received cables and telephone calls.

In Manama, the embassy received congratulations on the release of the passengers.

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The President of Brazil expressed his congratulations on the happy outcome to the hijacking of the KAC jetliner.

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The Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will visit the Middle East shortly following the American-Soviet summit which will be held next month in Moscow, according to a press report here on Sunday.

Al Seyassah, quoting sources in the Soviet foreign ministry, added that Shevardnadze's tour to the region includes Syria and Jordan and possibly Kuwait.

Other diplomatic sources in the Soviet foreign ministry told the Kuwaiti paper that a headway toward breaking the stalemate in the complex Mideast issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war could

**ROYAL COURT****Amiri audiences**

HH the Amir yesterday received Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait, where he relayed to the Amir a message from President Chadli Ben Jeddid.

Later, the Amir received the executive secretary of the Regional Organisation for Maritime Environment Protection and Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who was accompanied by chairman of the Environment Protection Society Hamed Shubail, Kuwait's representative to the organisation, Marwan Al Awadi, and secretary of the Environment Commission in Kuwait, Ibrahim Hadil.

**KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST****Arabs urged to close ranks**

**KUWAIT** newspaper Al Rai Al Aam urged Arabs to close ranks in the face of superpower interest-sharing designs in the region.

The daily in a front-page editorial said that the two superpowers took the advantage of the tensions in the region and managed to fuel the unending wars and conflicts.

Al Rai Al Aam lamented that some Arabs still believe such initiatives and give concessions which run counter to their interests.

**Shevardnadze to visit Middle East soon**

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According to the daily, several Soviet officials believe that Israel is very close to the Iraq-Iran conflict, and it found a gap in this war that enabled it to obstruct the mediation efforts aiming at ending the bloody conflict.

**Eight prisoners pardoned**

**ABU DHABI**, April 25, (Kuna): Member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Umm Al Qaiwain Sheikh Rasheed Bin Ahmad Al Mualla yesterday pardoned eight prisoners on the occasion of the holy Islamic fast-

ing month of Ramadan.

The director of the emirate's police and public security said that the pardon is applicable to those who were not convicted in major crimes and are about to finish their sentences.

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## Three quality control laboratories in operation

THE controller at the quality control office of the Commerce and Industry Ministry, Mrs Sheikha Rashed Al Bader, said yesterday that three of six laboratories were operational.

She said that building material chemicals and dyes were tested at the laboratories for conformity with standard specifications.

She said that these standard measures used by the technicians at these labs were essential precautionary measures aimed at controlling imports and exports with a view to protecting the national economy.

She said that the functions of the quality control labs included the unification of standard quality control specifications for all commercial and industrial sectors in the country, and related services.

She said that other functions of the labs included the testing of raw materials, medium substances, products and imported items to ensure their conformity with local specifications for quality control purposes, and included the issue of certificates confirming compliance with standard quality control specifications.

### Flexibility

She added that two types of tests were performed on samples at these laboratories, and included physical tests of concrete, for example, to establish its basic physical properties including the safety factor, and chemical tests to establish the weight of the substance or item after burning and also to determine the chemical elements.

She said certain specifications were treated with some amount of flexibility, with the sole exception of those on foodstuffs, which were compulsory and made and supervised by the Health Ministry and Kuwait Municipality.

She pointed out that the office was the only authority for issuing standard specifications in the country, and that there was cooperation between the office and the quality control centre at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, the Public Works Ministry and laboratories belonging in other service ministries.

She said that the building material lab performed physical tests aimed at ensuring the compatibility of building material

with standard Kuwaiti specifications of Portland concrete and related types, concrete blocks, tiles, sand, aggregate, limestone, insulation material, plastics and iron.

### Analysis

She said that the chemical lab performed spectrometric analysis of material to establish its chemical components, determined the percentage of soluble minerals, estimated the moisture content and other tests.

She also said that the dyes lab performed various tests of a chemical and physical nature on dyes, while the textile lab was concerned with establishing the texture composition of thread, cotton percentage ratio of either synthetic material in cloth and materials, and included stress and pressure tests.



Mrs. Sheikha Rashed Al Bader

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan was deeply concerned about the hostages on the Kuwaiti jetliner and was immensely relieved that their long ordeal was over.

## Amir receives Zia's message

PAKISTAN'S President Muhammad Zia Ul Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Jumajo, have sent messages of felicitation to HH the Amir on the release of the hostages, a press release from the Pakistan Embassy in Kuwait, said.

The President said that Pakistan was deeply concerned about the hostages on the Kuwaiti jetliner and was immensely relieved that their long ordeal was over.

He said that his country condemned this dastardly act which resulted in the loss of two innocent lives adding that Pakistan's prayers and sympathies were with the bereaved families.

President Zia took the opportunity to congratulate the Amir on the principled and courageous stand taken by Kuwait throughout this extremely difficult period.

The Prime Minister expressed the same sentiments.



● HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullatif, received Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who is chairman of Kuwait's Environment Protection Council, and members of the council on the occasion of Environment Protection Day. Top picture shows Sheikh Saad being presented with a commemorative shield by Dr Al Awadi (centre) and a council official (right). Bottom picture shows Sheikh Saad with some of the members.

## 11,016 kilos of spoiled foodstuffs destroyed

ABDULLA Al Shemmary, the Director of the Imported Foodstuffs Department at Kuwait Municipality, said that 317,223 kilos of foodstuffs had been re-exported last month. He added that 11,016 kilos of spoiled foodstuffs had been destroyed during the same period.

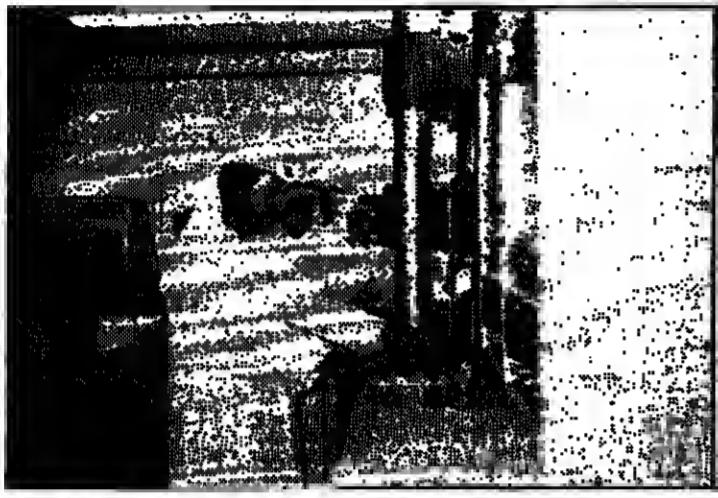
Al Shemmary explained that frozen meat imports are checked by the customs department and then municipality officials test the meat to determine whether it meets certain specifications as to type of meat, country of origin, date of packing and expiration and Islamic method of slaughtering.

He said the department inspectors check foodstuffs at stores, companies, supermarkets, hotels, restaurants and groceries. Inspectors regularly take samples of foodstuffs for laboratory testing at the Health Ministry.

### 21 accidents

THERE were 21 traffic accidents in Kuwait on Saturday.

Ten took place in Ahmadi, seven in Jahra, one in the city and three in Hawalli.



Laboratory technicians test material



A control panel in a laboratory



## Prices of consumer goods soar

THE prices of different consumer goods were increased at the start of the holy month of Ramadan, market sources told Al Seyassah newspaper.

An official of the Kuwait Livestock Company, Zakaria Ibrahim, said that frozen meat prices ranged between 500 fils and 750 fils per kilogram. He told the newspaper that the company's prices were fixed and competitive. He said that packed beef prices ranged between KD1 and KD3, adding that most of this beef was imported from Germany and Holland.

### Demand

A shop supervisor, Abu Riadh, said sales last week were better than before, adding that the market had witnessed an increased demand for beef.

A salesman at the Turkish Meat Exhibition, Mohammed Mahmoud, said the last season was better than the current one. He said Australian mutton prices were between 600 fils and 650 fils per kilogram while Turkish meat was fixed at 750 fils. He expected sales to rise by 50 percent during the first week of Ramadan.

The newspaper also interviewed a number of people in the foodstuff business.

Jaber Hassan Othman said that the sales this year had fallen compared to the last year, and

attributed this to the spread of wholesale markets. He said that the demand for fruit juices and frozen chicken had increased, while the demand for canned goods had fallen because people preferred fresh food during Ramadan.

A salesman in the Vegetable Market, Karam Ali, said that prices and sales had doubled in the vegetable market. He added that demand for dates had risen during Ramadan.

### Flooded

Another salesman said that sales had increased by 20 percent in general but prices had increased by 60 percent. He said the market was flooded with bananas, tomatoes, apricots, apples and strawberries, imported mostly from the Philippines and Holland.

A merchant, Hassan Sadiqi, said the market had recovered during the past few days, and attributed this to the abundance of different vegetables in the market.

A customer, Ahmed Jaddallah, said the prices had increased suddenly, adding that potato prices had risen by 50 percent.

Another customer, Muhammad Al Rakkad, complained of the leap in prices during

Ramadan. He said a committee should be formed to limit price increases.

Hassan Al Zuabi said prices had risen during the past two days. He said a carton of fruit juice had risen from KD5 to KD6.

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## EVENTS

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghani, Bldg, Al Soor St.

## THEATRE

**Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance**

The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" 8.30 pm nightly, until April 29, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jabiya. Tickets — KD 4. The box office at Mousetrap is open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

## Kuwait Players

**Antidote** — a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy — an evening of laughter will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets — KD. 3. For reservations call 3613465; 3610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

## SOCIAL

**Kuwait Singers**  
"Songs for a Summer Evening," on May 31 and June 1, 8 pm, at Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets — KD. 2. For bookings call 3940770 ext. 57; 5384871; 5740627 (answering service).

**Folk Night**  
There will be a meeting of the Kuwait Folk Group on Wednesday, April 27. For more information contact Bob Stucker, 5320284.

**Summer Affair 88**  
The Weekend Club will host Summer Affair 88 at the Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid Al Fitr. Music by Next of Kin, Top Ranks and Apaches. A talent contest with lots of surprises and prizes. Show will be compered by David Burfoot and Julio Cardoz. Dinner features Indian and Continental cuisine. For reservations call Raveen — 4714518; Merces 4890566; Carmello 4835488/232.

**Kumustahan**  
The next Filipino get-together (Kumustahan) will be held from 6 to 9 pm on April 29 at The Church Hall. All Filipinos are welcome. Snacks will be served.

**Story Time**  
Story time for children will be held on April 28, 10.30 am, for children of ages between three and six at the British Council in Mansouriya. Children of all nationalities are welcome.

**YMCA Holiday Special**

The Young Men's Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Madé for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 in 8 pm.

## SPORTS

**Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club**  
Calendar for May:

May 1: full match at Fintas; kick off — 7.30 pm; attendance compulsory for Cyprus tourists; all others welcome. Match followed by our meeting to pay outstanding monies.

Thursday, May 5: game at Fintas, Men vs Women plus kids. Game followed by BBQ. KD 2.50 per head.

Tuesday, May 10: club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

**Young Goans Association**  
Seven-a-side football tournament on May 17, Al Sour ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida nn 4813740.

**Laser Sailing**  
Single Design Dinghy Sailing Club being formed. Laser sailing enthusiasts contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 751/739.

**Palarong Pilipino**  
There will be a meeting of all tennis participants in the Filipino Mini-Olympics at 6 pm on April 28 at Mabuhay Restaurant. All Filipinos are invited. For details contact Bong Melencio — 4877793.

**HOTELS**

**At the Hilton**  
Break your fast with family and friends in La Palma, open daily from sunset to 1.30 am. La Palma offers iftar buffet with thirst quenching drinks and Ramadan specials. A special à la carte menu offered from iftar to 1.30 am.

**At the Maridien**  
Indian, Japanese and Chinese tea and sweets offered every evening after iftar in the Tea Lounge, until Thursday.

## Frenchman to play Arab music

A FRENCHMAN will play Arab music "with the spirit of the Arabs" at a concert in Kuwait. The Frenchman, Julien Weiss, is a member of Al Kindi music quartet, which is to give a recital on Sunday, May 1, at the Mendi Hotel.

The Al Kindi comprises Weiss (qanoun), Larbi Ouechni (kaman), Muhammad Saada (flute) and Adel Shamseddine (riqq). Together they'll alternate between French baroque and Arab classical music, presenting a combination of 14th and 15th century classical music and Arab-Islamic classics from Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria and Iraq.

Frenchman Julian Weiss, in a recent interview, talked about his love for Arab music, which has culminated over the years.

"A musician must acquire a spirit for playing Arab music; requiring years of training," he said.

Weiss first listened to Arab music when he had to prepare for a concert at the Egyptian Cultural Centre in Paris. "I listened to some Arab music and was inspired by it," he said. After examining several musical instruments, he selected the qanoun.

**Challenge**  
The qanoun, a string instrument, was invented by Farabi and has since been improved by later musicians. The number of strings have been increased and its shape has changed considerably since it was first invented. Weiss chose the qanoun "because it is the most interesting, diverse and challenging musical instrument."

A professional guitarist, Weiss' goal was to master the qanoun. This, it turned out, was a tough job. Thus began his frequent trips to such countries as Egypt, learning to "play qanoun as the Arabs play."

In Cairo, he joined the Academy of Art and studied under professor Kamal Abdulla. He also bought his first qanoun.

After he completed studies, he joined a group of Arab musicians. Weiss found he could not make much headway as he was "working on the qanoun as I would have handled the guitar."

He explains: "I was playing an Arab instrument but applying Western techniques. It just didn't work." Weiss did not give up. He continued studying music first under the popular Lebanese qanoun player Elia Al Asbar and then played for four years recorded music for the singer Sharif Al Alawi.

His association with Al



Three members of the Al Kindi Quartet: (L-R) Adel Shamseddine, Larbi Ouechni and Mohammad Saada.

Alawi gave him immense confidence. During those four years, he matured as a performer, giving several concerts in French-speaking areas in the Lebanon.

## Repertoire

Restless, Weiss needed a change. "I felt the need to expand my musical repertoire," he said. So, he went to Turkey, where he learned the finer points of Turkish-Islamic music.

"I had to understand the nuances, similarities and differences between different types of Islamic music," he said.

By this time, Weiss was totally immersed in Arab music. He also became an Arabist, reading "everything about the Arab world." He read Arabic history, philosophy and the history of music.

"Culture is not born. It can be cultivated by study and practice."

Weiss has often been criticised by some for "playing an Arab musical instrument." Others encourage him in his endeavour. But his greatest reward, it seems, comes from being one with the instrument he is playing.

**Challenge**  
Weiss, and the other members of the Al Kindi quartet, are currently touring the Middle East. After their Kuwait concert, they will perform in Iraq, Jordan and Syria.

At the Kuwait concert they will play troubadours and music written by Guillaume de Machaut, Binchois, Dufay and Thomas Crecquillon.

Their concert has been organised by the Cultural Centre, French Embassy, in Kuwait.

## GCC promotes artists

THE GCC culture committee has decided to encourage art and artists. This was announced after a recent meeting held in Kuwait. The announcement said an art exhibition is to be held every two years to promote art in the region. The first exhibition will be held in January next year. Each Gulf state will display 20 paintings.

The committee will present gold, silver and bronze awards to the best entry; souvenir shields will be distributed to all participating countries.

The third meeting of the Culture Committee, affiliated to the GCC, was recently held in Kuwait. It was chaired by Sultan Al Askari, acting secretary-general of Kuwait's National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters. Officials from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman also attended the meeting.

The participants decided to hold a "seminar on music and singing" in Bahrain in October this year. A seminar on children's literature will be hosted by Qatar later this year. (Kuna)

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Al Jaha  
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Evide Ellavarkum Sugam (Malayalam)  
Sulabikhat  
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Al Jeeb

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Al Moatmid Bin Ibd: historical serial, starring Osama Al Mashini, Nidal Al Ashqar, Mahmoud Saeed.
- 2.30 On Ramadan: religious programme
- 3.35 Dukkan al Dunya: daily serial, starring Muna Wasef, Muhammad Al Ibadi, Jayna Eid
- 4.45 Tazzaway Wa Ibtisama: daily Arabic serial, starring Samir Ghanem, Raghad, Ahmad Badar.
- 5.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 Iftar
- 7.00 Madinan Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqil, Jassim Nahyan, Muhammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh, Huda Hussain
- 8.00 A Talk Show on Islamic Philosophy
- 9.00 Deirat Khair: on



Margaret Colin in Leg Work, on KTV 2 tonight.

## KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 8.30 News in English
- 8.45 Football: The Amir's Cup, Kazem vs winner of group D.
- 10.10 Leg Work: "Blind Trust." Claire's brother, a police officer, is working on a fraud case and gets into trouble
- 11.00 Q.E.D. Documentary
- 11.30 Twilight Zone: "Grace Note." The story of a woman who does not succeed in her singing career.
- 12.00 Feature Film: "Brotherly Love." Starring: Judi Dench, Kyle Carlson. Thriller. The story of twins, one is a police officer and other a criminal.
- 1.30 News Summary
- 1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

- 0800 World News  
0802 Songs and Music  
0805 Thoughts in Islam  
0810 News and Music  
0830 NEWS  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Songs and Music  
0930 They Sold A Million  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1130 News on FM Service

Evening  
21.00 Opening  
21.02 In The Latin Mood  
21.30 NEWS  
21.45 Point of View  
21.55 Songs and Music  
22.10 Religious Programme  
22.25 Music Groove  
22.45 Daily Programme  
23.00 Hit Special  
23.30 Jazz in Action  
24.00 Closedown

2100 Radio Newsreel  
15 Multitrack: Top 20  
45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Recording of the Week

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-minute news

45 Virtuoso (ex 26th Rhythms of the Sun)

1500 Radio Newsreel  
15 A Jolly Good Show

1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Omnibus  
45 The World Today

1700 World News  
09 A Letter from Scotland  
15 Citizen  
45 Sports Roundup

1800 Newsdesk  
30 Development '88

1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary  
39 Stock Market Report  
45 Report on Religion

2000 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Journey Round My People

45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections

15 Tech Talk  
30 12th Best on Record: 19th and 26th Karajan at 80

0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 New Ideas  
40 Turning Over New Leaves

45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk  
30 Counterpoint  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

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## Thought for today

MANY toil hard to earn a loaf when a slice should be sufficient — Dutch proverb.

### Lebanon's presidential poll

## A theatre for foreign players

By Michael Kull

**BEIRUT.** (Reuter): The reactions of Lebanese people to presidential elections in August and the prospect of a new head of state are often more a matter of temperament than politics.

Optimistic citizens may be following the local media intently, looking for any sign that the poll may herald an end to 13 years of internecine warfare and hoping that someone of stature emerges, capable of reconciling rival ideologies and sectarian ambitions.

Others, looking back at innumerable ceasefires which failed and peace plans which were never implemented, may take a much more pessimistic view.

Most Lebanese are simply spectators of bizarre theatre. Their country is the stage for a script squabbled over by regional and international powers jostling for pre-eminence.

At best, a new man will take office as president for six years with the power to change by force or persuasion the way things are done or not done in Lebanon.

At worst, he will inherit a chain of office, a palace, a posse of machine-gunning-toting bodyguards, a couple of bullet-proof Cadillacs, a few miles of well-paved road and precious little else.

"It (the election) is not between the electors, nor between the candidates, and not even around the person of the next president or his programme, but between forces that want to restore their former role in the election and forces that are trying to experiment with a new role," Beirut's conservative Al Anwar daily said.

For a start, the poll takes place in a political vacuum.

Lebanon has been virtually without government for two years because Muslim leaders have boycotted the current president, Amin Gemayel, 47, whose term ends in September.

Second, some rules have been fixed in advance.

The constitution stipulates the president must be a Maronite Christian, drawn from a privileged minority dominating the bills overlooking Beirut known as Mount Lebanon.

## Recapture of Faw gives Iraq a boost

By John Rice

**BAGHDAD.** (AP): Iraq's recapture of the Faw peninsula from Iran this week provided Baghdad with a major political victory, despite the limited military value, of the dusty uninhabited wasteland.

The successful attack on the peninsula, extending from southern Iraq into the Gulf, robbed Tehran of a key bargaining chip that could be used if the countries ever negotiate for peace.

"It's insignificant as far as the military situation is concerned," a Baghdad-based Western diplomat said of the Iraqi victory. "But psychologically, it had been the needle in their flesh."

The Iraqis are hailing their recovery of Faw as one of their greatest military triumphs in the 7-1/2-year-old Gulf war. While analysts doubt that they concede it has given Baghdad a big morale boost.

The elite Presidential Guard and the 7th Army Corps smashed through Iranian lines north of Faw on Sunday. By Monday afternoon they had seized full control of the peninsula that dominates Iraq's two main outlets to the Gulf, the Shatt Al Arab and the Khor Abdullah waterways.

### Captured

Iraq captured about 20 kilometres (12 miles) of the peninsula in February 1986, stunning Iraq, which failed in repeated bloody counterattacks to retake the flatlands. Iran renamed Faw city, an abandoned refinery town, Al Zahra and held a wrestling tournament there last year to emphasise its grip.

Although Iran still occupies other small chunks of Iraqi territory along the 1,175-kilometre (730-mile) border, Faw was its prize.

This is itself a major source of conflict. Muslims, nationalists and leftists have pressed for readjustments to curtail Christian prerogatives and give a bigger stake in government to the majority Muslims.

Hardliners of the Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia fear such political restructuring will give neighbouring Syria the whip-hand in Lebanese affairs, but the Christians are divided on the precise political direction the country should take.

Third, the president will not be directly elected by the public.

He will be chosen by the 77 surviving parliamentarians from a 99-seat chamber originally elected in 1972 and they represent the older generation of Lebanese rather than the young men now waging the civil war.

Finally, several states are involved in Lebanon's affairs.

The election, like the civil war itself, is expected to mirror their rivalries, etching them anew across a land already split into rival tracts by local warlords.

### Influence

Most foreign states seeking influence in Lebanon have their own proxies — whether they be presidential candidates, well-equipped militias or clandestine guerrilla groups.

They include the United States, Israel, the Soviet Union, Iran, Libya and, perhaps most importantly of all, Syria.

With 25,000 troops in the country, Syria wants to retain its position as primary power-broker without upsetting the general equilibrium of rival forces in the country as a whole, analysts say.

But Damascus cannot afford to risk a show-down with Israel, which occupies part of southern Lebanon; they say, and it lacks the economic strength for a protracted campaign against Lebanon's allies of Tel Aviv or Tehran.

Few candidates have yet made known their ambitions for presidential office and none of them is regarded as a front-runner.

"Confusion over the nomination will increase in (Muslim) west and (Christian) east Beirut because there is so far not a single unified Christian or Muslim view," said an editorial in the independent An-Nahar newspaper.

## Assassination files raise new questions

By Russell Snyder

**SACRAMENTO.** (UPI): It may be weeks before researchers can draw firm conclusions about the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy from the 30,000 documents, 2,900 photos and other pieces of evidence made public last week.

But already, the newly opened police files at the California state archives in Sacramento have spotlighted oversights and blunders by the Los Angeles police department in its investigation of the assassination almost 20 years ago.

The revelations include proof that police only 2-1/2 months after the shooting inexplicably burned 2,410 photographs collected by detectives — believed to be nearly half of all the pictures gathered during the investigation.

Kennedy assassination experts say their initial study of the files confirm that serious inconsistencies plague the police conclusion that Sirhan Sirhan acted alone when he shot Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel pantry on June 5, 1968.

The researchers — including historians, journalists and authors — say the files also suggest there were official efforts to mislead the public about the existence of evidence that could raise doubts about the case.

One high-ranking Los Angeles police department official with experience in sensational murder cases said it's easy for some evidence to be overlooked in the frenzy of a big case.

**Pressure**

"There's a tremendous amount of pressure," said the official, who asked not to be identified. "Everyone's giving orders and people investigating have a high degree of paranoia."

Asked if he thought police could have stonewalled outside efforts to prove mistakes were made in the case, he said that "it's

possible."

"Before long, if a photo or something comes along that muddies your case, you keep it off to the side," he said. "They sure wouldn't make it available."

Critics say that's why police kept the files locked until now despite official promises since 1969 to make them public.

The files chronicle innumerable details surrounding the events surrounding Kennedy's assassination shortly after he won California's Democratic presidential primary.

Moments after Kennedy spoke to cheering supporters in the hotel ballroom, he left the stage via the hotel's kitchen serving area. There, police say, Sirhan stepped up to the New York senator and began firing.

**Witnesses**

Since there were so many witnesses to the shooting — one document names more than 70 in the pantry alone — and since Sirhan admitted killing Kennedy, the case appeared dramatically simple.

"It was an open-and-shut murder case," says Ed Davis, who supervised Sirhan's first interrogation. Davis became chief of police a month after police officially closed the "Special Unit: Senator" investigation in 1969.

"This was the classic murder case," says Davis, now a Republican state senator. "It happened to be of historic and international interest. We were probably more cautious than in any other case in the history of the department."

Even with Sirhan in custody, police were careful to track down possible conspiracy plots to kill Kennedy. The files show they investigated 25 conspiracy theories purporting to link Sirhan to groups ranging from the Black Panthers to the Teamsters Union. Police concluded the theories were without merit.

Roy Keene, the police lieutenant

who ordered the destruction

of the photos, says he doesn't remember the incident. But Keene, now a real estate salesman in Oregon, adds: "I guarantee you they were of no evidentiary value."

Another document that surfaced last week indicates police were sensitive to outside efforts to discredit their investigation.

In the mid-1970s, the Kennedy conspiracy controversy had reached a climax with the disclosure that police disposed of ceiling tiles, door frames and other evidence some researchers speculated could prove Sirhan did not act alone.

"They were ceiling tiles and that sort of thing that had no evidentiary value," Davis says. "They didn't have any powder burns on them or lead or anything. There's no point to keeping all that stuff."

Yet, despite what appears to be a thorough investigation by police, some serious questions remain, researchers insist. They include:

• How close was Sirhan to Kennedy? Lab tests showed the fatal shot was fired 1 inch (2.5 cm) from Kennedy's ear. Not a single witness said Sirhan was that close.

• What was the trajectory of the bullets? Some evidence unearthed by researchers suggest all the shots couldn't have come from one gun.

• Why did police hinder efforts by researchers to find answers to questions?

Experts like Gregory Stone, a political scientist who played a leading role in pressuring police to release the files, say some of those questions may never be answered.

The reason lies in the revelation this week that police destroyed 2,410 photos taken during the case. It may never be known if the photos were important.

Roy Keene, the police lieutenant

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## World's worst nuclear power plant explosion

# Chernobyl accident still haunts Europeans

By Girard C. Stelzen

they were found to be contaminated beyond radiation levels established by the European Economic Community, the common market.

The Turkish government later said the tea had been destroyed, but recent press reports claimed that unscrupulous vendors had repackaged and sold the tea under different labels.

In several East European countries, where communist authorities frequently played down the effects of the accident, the construction of new nuclear power plants goes on at full speed.

In Sweden, more than 30,000 reindeer were declared unfit for consumption this year because they contained unacceptable high levels of radiation caused by the accident. Last year, more than 75,000 animals were judged unfit for consumption.

Carried by strong winds and exacerbated by heavy rains, radioactive fallout outside of the Soviet Union came down most heavily in Scandinavia, Poland, Britain and in southern West Germany.

Officials in Norway say up to 5 per cent of reindeer meat in the hard-hit areas of that country still must be discarded.

While the Swedes say their quick response to the accident saved the reindeer industry as a whole and the traditional lifestyle of Laplanders who raise them.

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Radioactivity still exceeds British government standards in the Peaty, sheep-rearing hills of Cumbria, in north Wales, in southwest Scotland and parts of Northern Ireland, areas where heavy rains fell shortly after the accident.

British farmers have received the equivalent of more than £5.5 million (\$10 million) in government compensation.

In Austria and parts of south-



The first official Soviet picture of the damaged plant at Chernobyl

ern West Germany, substantial numbers of deer and wild boar are considered unsafe for human consumption and are no longer hunted. Mushrooms are also contaminated, and Austrian authorities urge citizens not to eat mushrooms more than twice a month.

### Accidents

The nationally-circulated West German magazine Der Spiegel, in its March 28 edition, reported that the number of highway accidents involving deer in West Germany has increased sharply since Chernobyl, in part because hunters concerned about radiation are no longer thinning the herds.

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the safety of nuclear power.

"Chernobyl made it clear to all of us that we have no adequate way to deal with a catastrophe of this magnitude," said Lieslott Blunk, a member of West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party.

But Martin Gruener, a parliamentary state secretary for the ministry of environmental protection and reactor safety, said long-term adverse health effects are not likely in West Germany.

The Chernobyl accident has sparked no such debate in France, which led the fight against efforts in the European Economic Community to toughen radiation standards and where the environmental movement is weak.

But in Italy, the accident led, in

effect, to the scrapping of the nation's future nuclear power expansion programme.

In November 1987, the Italian electorate rejected nuclear power by a margin of 4-1.

Italy currently operates three nuclear power plants, all of which are temporarily closed for routine maintenance and reactor refueling.

A fourth is in an advanced state of construction.

In March, Premier Giovanni Goria decided to go ahead with completion of the plant, which angered Italy's Socialist Party and helped bring down Goria's five-party coalition.

In Switzerland, anti-nuclear and environmental activists last year submitted enough signatures to force two referendums on nuclear energy.

One referendum calls for a 10-year moratorium on construction of new nuclear power plants. The second deals with the scrapping of the nation's five nuclear power plants and on a ban on construction of new ones.

The referendums are not expected to come to a vote until at least 1990.

### Construction

Since Chernobyl, nuclear power plant construction has continued in several East European countries, including East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The accident continues to fuel efforts of anti-nuclear and environmental groups in Yugoslavia, East Germany and Poland, and their numbers remain small and they are often harassed.

But the Chernobyl disaster has also fostered more cooperation between East and West on nuclear issues.

A Soviet delegation visited Britain in March and the two nations have agreed to exchange safety-related information in addition to details of any major radiation leaks.

West Germany has provided technical safety assistance to East Germany and last year signed an agreement with the Soviet Union for joint efforts in developing nuclear power.

Most European countries continue to test for radiation in imported foods. Blanket bans on foodstuffs were lifted in 1986.

"Coffee, chocolates, meats, dairy products, cereals and baby foods are not admitted into the country unless they carry a certificate showing they've been tested for radioactivity," said a senior Greek Health Ministry official.

year, to around the 8,500 mark.

Criteria for entering the United States are stiff, and the number have remained constant over the past three years. But there are moves in the US Congress to allow a new category of immigrant, people willing to start a business in the United States creating jobs for at least 10 people.

**Emigration**

Hong Kong officials say they do not keep a record of the number of people emigrating, but estimate net population loss at between 15,000 and 20,000 a year. Governor Sir David Wilson has said the level of emigration has not changed much over the past 20 years.

Long queues of visa applicants outside the US, Australian and Canadian consulates and remarks by senior managers from major Hong Kong companies suggest a different picture.

Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Ltd, a private firm of analysts, predicts about 50,000 people a year will leave Hong Kong in the runup to 1997.

Another indicator comes from the colony's police force, which issues certificates on demand proving that a citizen has no criminal record. Most countries require such a document before accepting immigrants.

In 1986 the police issued over 53,000 certificates, an all-time record and up 50 per cent over the previous year. Officials said 1987 figures were still being collated but expected them to be even higher.

"Your future may not be as bright. I won't consider migration myself at the moment, although I've had many chances to go away."

Canada issued 22,000

## ENVIRONMENT

By Frances D'Emilio

VENICE, Italy (AP): One of the world's most enchanting cities was born 15 centuries ago when some frightened citizens of the Roman Empire decided the 100-odd islands in the Gulf of Venice would make a handy refuge from barbaric invaders on the mainland.

Now their 20th-century descendants are fleeing in the other direction, abandoning the decaying lagoon city toordes of tourists and real-estate speculators.

Ironically, the flight comes as two decades of intentions to rescue Venice from high tides and polluted waters seem close to becoming reality.

After spending billions of lire (hundreds of millions of dollars) provided under special national legislation, officials have come up with plans for movable dikes and sophisticated sewers to stop the lagoon's green-black waters from doing further damage.

The initiative took root after a disastrous 1966 flood, which prompted rallying cries of 'Save Venice.' Art lovers from around the world pitched in to rescue palaces, churches and paintings from the annual high tides that batter the city.

But no one came up with a 'Save the Venetians' campaign.

Residents can stomach the stench of garbage from the canals, which serve as sewers as well as transportation arteries.

They can put up with winter floods of water and summer floods of tourists. It's the lack of affordable housing that's forcing Venice's proud, sea-loving natives to terra firma.

A report prepared by a provincial agency noted that in 1951, Venice had 175,000 people.

By 1960, 50,000 had left to escape overcrowding. By last year, residents had dropped to 83,000, with one-fifth more than 60 years old.

And the report predicted the population could shrink to as few as 20,000 by the year 2015.

"If we go ahead at this rate, they'll be zero," said Giuliano Zanon, a Venetian who wrote the report.

Zanon said that if the city had developed a plan when the exodus began, they could have done something. But they didn't do anything."

Butcher shops, grocery stores, carpenters and plum-

## Venetians abandon city to tourists and the wealthy



Decaying lagoon: Venetians wade through flood water, a common occurrence in winter.

bers have been closing their doors along the calli, the narrow, zigzagging streets. Popping up everywhere — sometimes four, five or six to a calle — are shops selling nothing but carnival masks, souvenirs of the Mardi Gras festivities that pack the city with visitors each winter.

The mask shops have become a symbol for Venetians, who say the loss of the city's natives is robbing the city of something precious.

"Venice's soul is emptying out. It's becoming a Disneyland, a spiritually poor one," said Gianluigi Casini, an architect who has helped restore canal-side palaces.

"When I was a boy, all the kids would be playing in the piazzas. Now there are few kids," said Casini, who at 34 is among the dwindling numbers of young Venetians.

Only old people stay, those who can't go away. There are so many empty houses ... (yet) most of my friends have gone ... for lack of houses," said Casini, who lives with his parents in Santa Croce, one of Venice's six historic 'sestieri,' or districts.

Some of Casini's friends have moved to non-descript Mestre, just on the other side of the 2.5-mile (4-km) causeway that leads to Venice and which shares Venice's municipal government.

Mestre has mushroomed from a population of 50,000, when Casini was born, to about 250,000, triple that of Venice's historic centre. Several thousand residents commute to Venice for jobs as hotel maids, souvenir sellers or waiters. Even some of Venice's famed gondoliers have moved to Mestre.

Casini, who supplements his architect's income by teaching art history in Mestre High School, said he can't afford Venice rents, running \$80,000 to 1.2 million lire (675 to 975 dollars) for a two-room apartment.

I'd like to stay, but it's just not possible," he said, when asked about his future.

### Numerous

Under the city's rent-control laws, apartments should rent for much, much less. But as elsewhere in Italy, landlords would rather keep apartments vacant than rent for the low legal price and hope for a buyer or someone desperate or rich enough to pay illegally high rents.

Some of the numerous uninhabited apartments along the Grand Canal are kept as weekend retreats by the rich, who

come from Milan, 267 kilometres (165 miles) away, or as vacation homes for foreigners, who spend at most a month a year here.

Other houses are in no condition for living. Waters lapping at the front door and sea breezes drifting by the balcony may inspire poetry, but flooding and salty sea air constantly wear away at foundations and beams.

Restoration, especially of historic buildings, is a costly enterprise anywhere, but in Venice it's particularly expensive.

Supplies arrive by barge, not trucks, and porters deliver them in small loads on carts in carless Venice. With many artisans among the exodus, skilled laborers must be brought in from the mainland. Costs of transportation — and tourists' spendthrift tendencies — also account for higher prices in stores.

Natives complain that a pair of shoes that goes for 50,000 lire (\$42 dollars) in Mestre sells for double that in Venice. Fruit and vegetables generally cost about 30 per cent more in Venice when compared with a Rome market.

Yet not all young Venetians are planning to leave. Gianfranco Tagliapietra, who runs a camera shop, said his teenage daughter is looking forward to growing up and making money in the tourist business.

Following the 1966 flood, tourism took off, perhaps inspired by the worry that Venice someday might be swamped for good by the high tides.

By the 1970s, real estate speculators started to move in, betting that the tourism boom would last. It became fashionable for big-name companies, like Fiat, to restore palaces for headquarters or exhibitions.

Recently elected Mayor Antonio Casellati says he would like to see a law that would force people who buy real estate to live in their purchase or to rent it for several years only to native Venetians. But he admits such a goal might be unreachable in a free-market society.

In the last few years, some young Venetians who wanted to stay in Venice have taken advantage of national and regional subsidized mortgages. They bought up many buildings and rented them out.

"But the city can't buy all the houses," the mayor said.

By Fouad Hamdan

CAIRO — When the Egyptian anthroposophist Ibrahim Abu-el-Aish founded his farm settlement called Sekem 10 years ago, sandy desert covered the 70 hectares of land some 50 kilometres north of Cairo near the city of Bilbeis.

Today, Sekem is an oasis of woods, stables, fields and round, rose-coloured houses.

"To protect the fields from the desert, trees were planted all around," the 51-year-old Abu-el-Aish said. "Where there are trees, the birds come. So now we have a little Garden of Eden."

It was not easy to build Sekem, whose name in ancient Egyptian means "life force from the sun."

Just how difficult it would be to transplant anthroposophist ideas acquired in West Germany to a conservative, strongly Islamic Third World nation became clear to Abu-el-Aish when he used the phrase "biological-dynamic cultivation."

Local authorities thought that had something to do with chemical weapons and threatened to close the farm down.

But Sekem, probably the only anthroposophist farm in the Arab world, succeeded.

Now 160 people work there, including 13 German-speaking



Ibrahim Abu-el-Aish (left), the man who founded an anthroposophic commune near Bilbeis, Egypt, discusses educational ideas in his green oasis with West German technical expert Klaus Fintelmann.

Europeans. They live and work according to the ideas propounded by the Austrian-born philosopher Rudolf Steiner around the turn of the century.

At the centre of the enterprise are Abu-el-Aish, his family and the Europeans. They believe in a "naturalistic, conscious and sensitive way of life."

Without using chemicals, they produce vegetables, fruit, cheese and tea that are sold as far away as West Germany. Demand has grown so great that another 1,000 hectares are being cultivated by outsiders using Sekem methods, and with quality control, packaging and distribution done by the farm.

Ahu-el-Aish got the idea for Sekem during a trip through Egypt in 1975.

"The view of mass poverty and hopelessness shocked me," he remembers. "I didn't want to complain and write books about

how the Egyptians should solve their problems, but instead get involved and set an example."

After 20 years in West Germany, the pharmacist with a doctoral degree quit his job heading a research group and returned to Egypt "to help people by teaching."

Learning is one of the ideals that Sekem is supposed to embody. Work groups meet before work begins to compare notes and discuss plans.

Once a week, all gather in a large hall where "everything possible is discussed and debated," according to Klaus Fintelmann, a 60-year-old West German teacher who advises Abu-el-Aish on education issues.

"That way the workers learn to discuss their occupation and the people involved with it," he says.

"The subservient attitude has to be replaced by a person who can think critically," says Fintelmann, who visits Sekem regularly. "Our philosophy is to produce food and medicine with joy in order to further develop our consciousness. No one should be a master, everyone should be a servant of society."

Projects include a carpentry shop and a pottery now being built. Also planned are facilities for making clothes and weaving baskets.

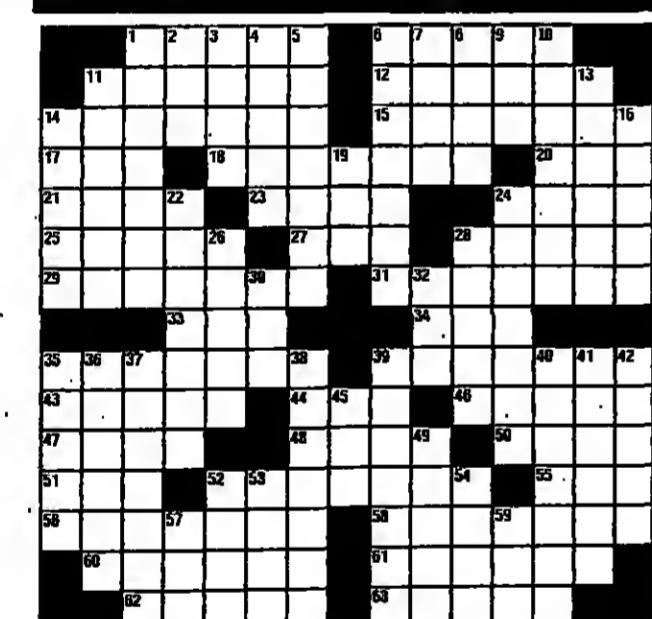
It does not bother Ahu-el-Aish, a faithful Muslim, that anthroposophy views Christianity as a central development in the history of humankind.

"The ideas of Rudolf Steiner are a philosophy, not a religion," he says. "What we have created here is an anthroposophy shaped by Islam, otherwise no one would have accepted us or our ideas about life."

Ahu-el-Aish's life's work has helped the native farmers in more than their personal development. As an unexpected side effect, those who have worked at Sekem have had better luck finding a partner in the Egyptian marriage market.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦AQ7 ♦K983 ♦AQ76  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
Pass 3 ♠ ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—Beware, everything is against you! The vulnerability is unfavorable, you have the dealer holding, a doubleton, in the enemy suit, only three-card heart support with no intermediates, and partner is a passed hand. Act only if money means nothing to you; otherwise pass.

**Q.2**—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦Q872 ♦Q762 ♦K543 ♦7  
Your partner opens the bidding with a forcing bid of two hearts. What do you respond?  
A.—If you think you have a poor hand, you need to brush up on your hand evaluation. A singleton and four trumps to a high honor is a powerful holding opposite a demand bid. If you have some method of showing a singleton, do so; if not, we prefer a positive response of three hearts to a negative two no trump. Who cares about point count?

**Q.3**—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦K63 ♦AQ ♦KQ7653 ♦A6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
? What do you bid now?  
A.—Although partner is not showing much with his rebid except a six-card suit, your hand has become enormous. Your prime controls and three trumps are all gold, so much so that we think a raise to three spades is an underbid. We would jump to four spades.

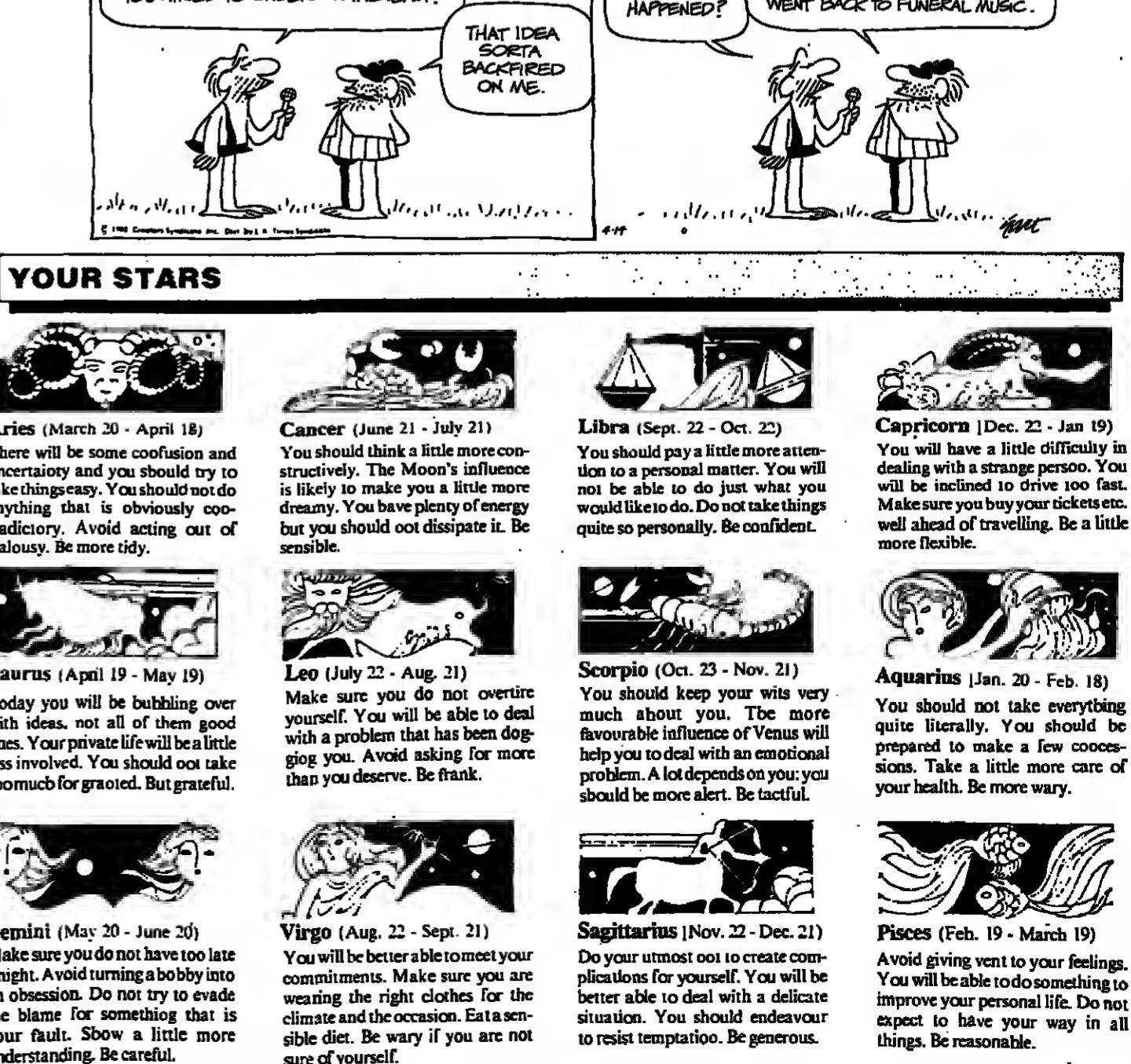
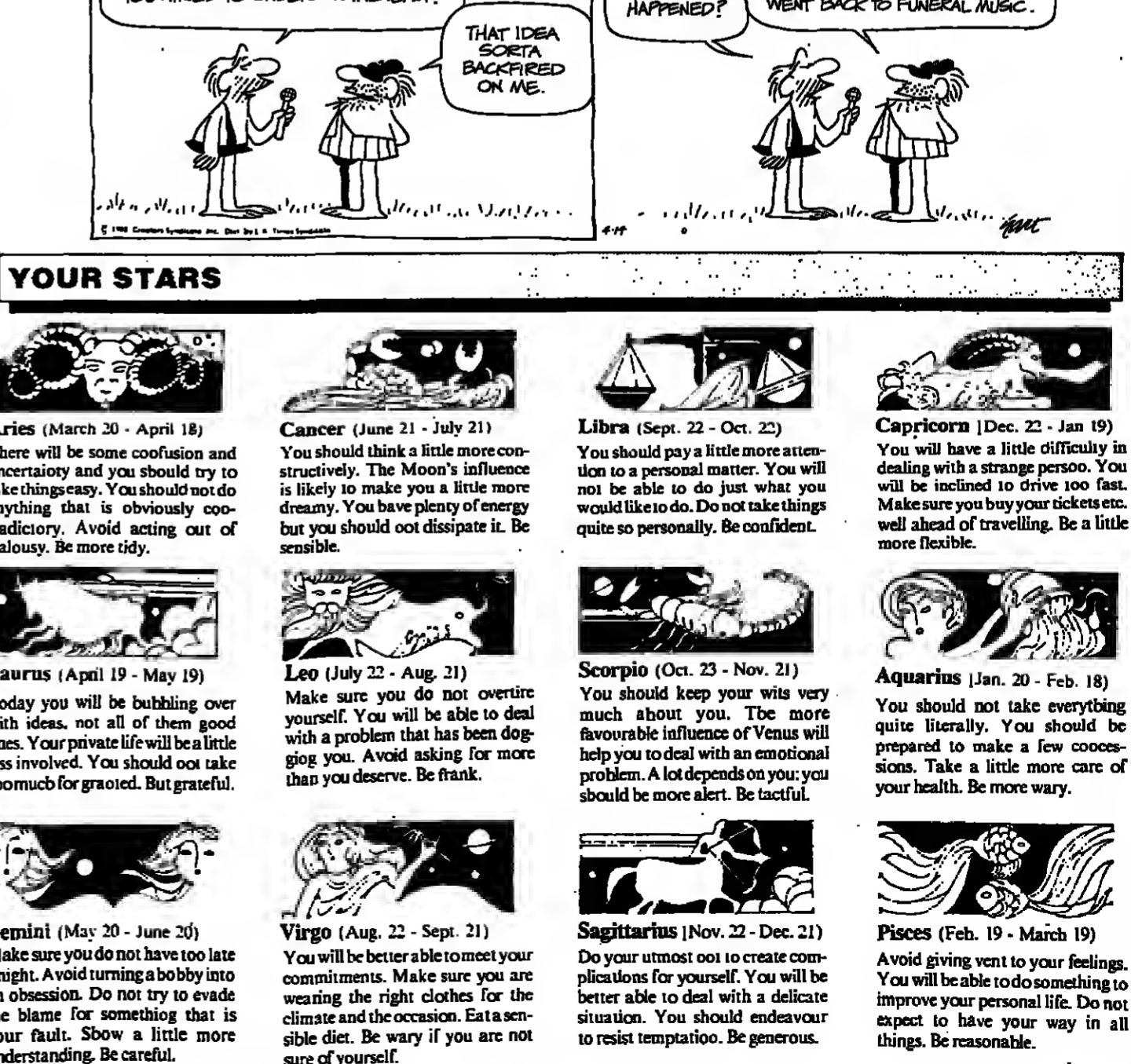
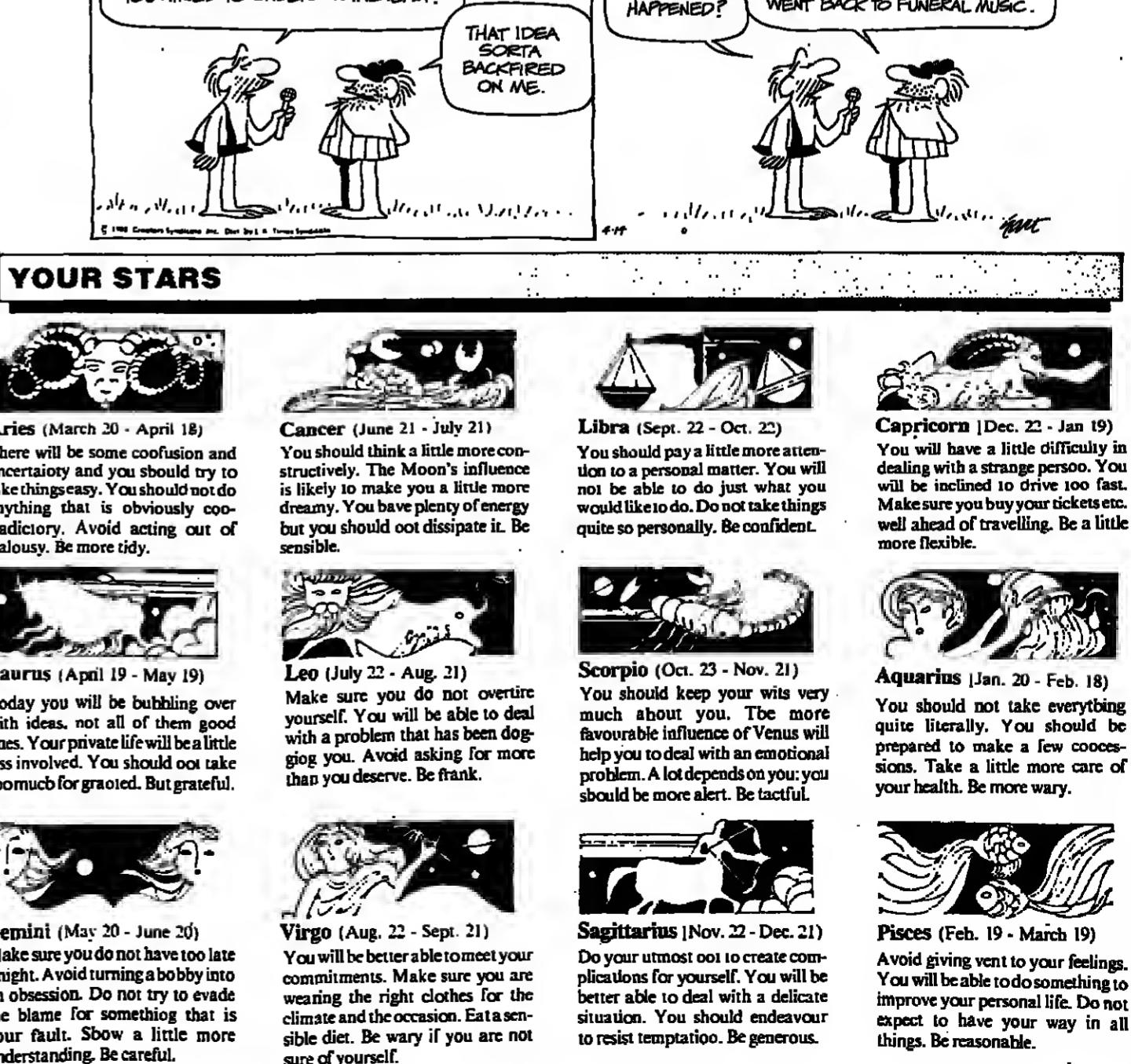
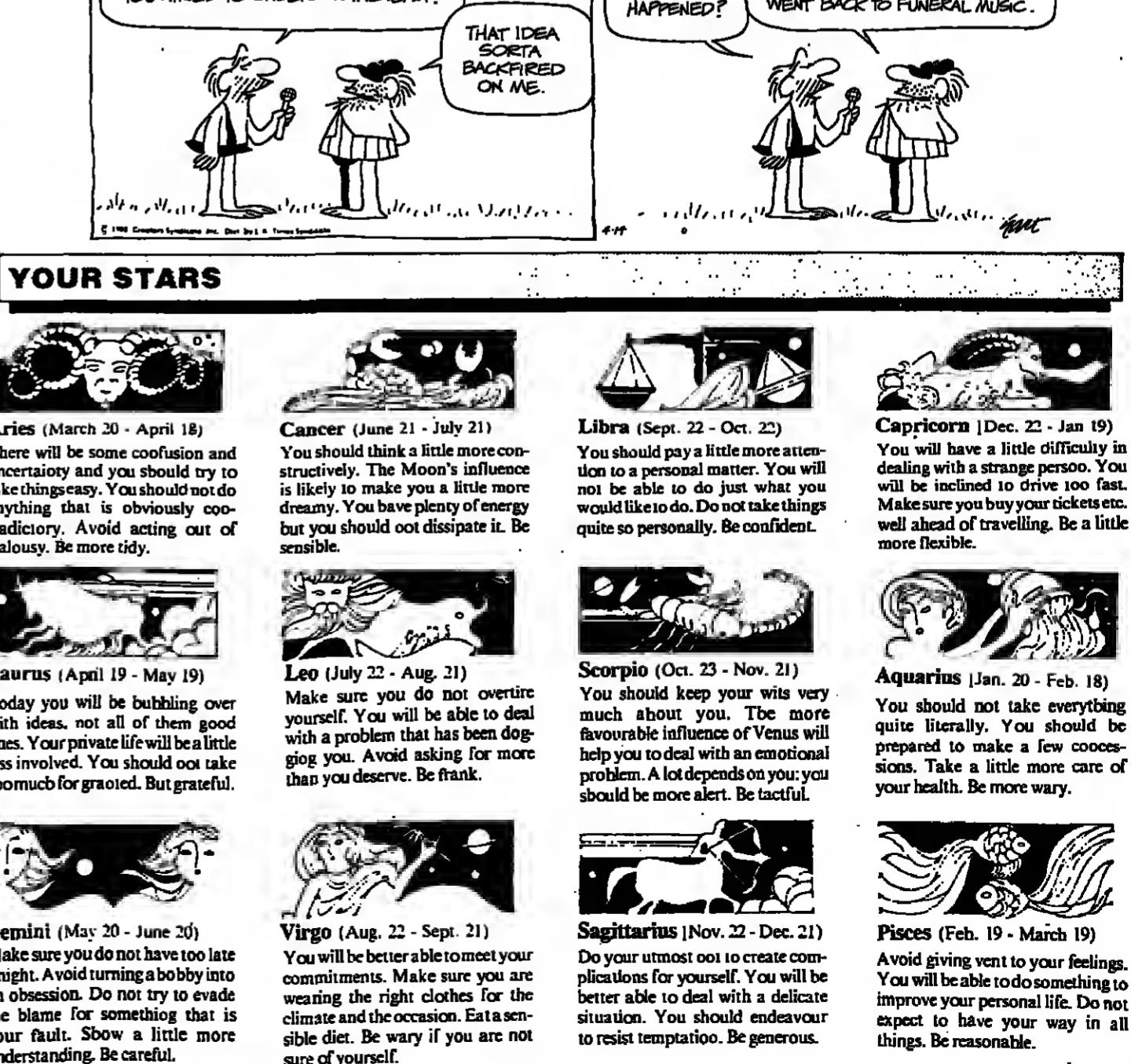
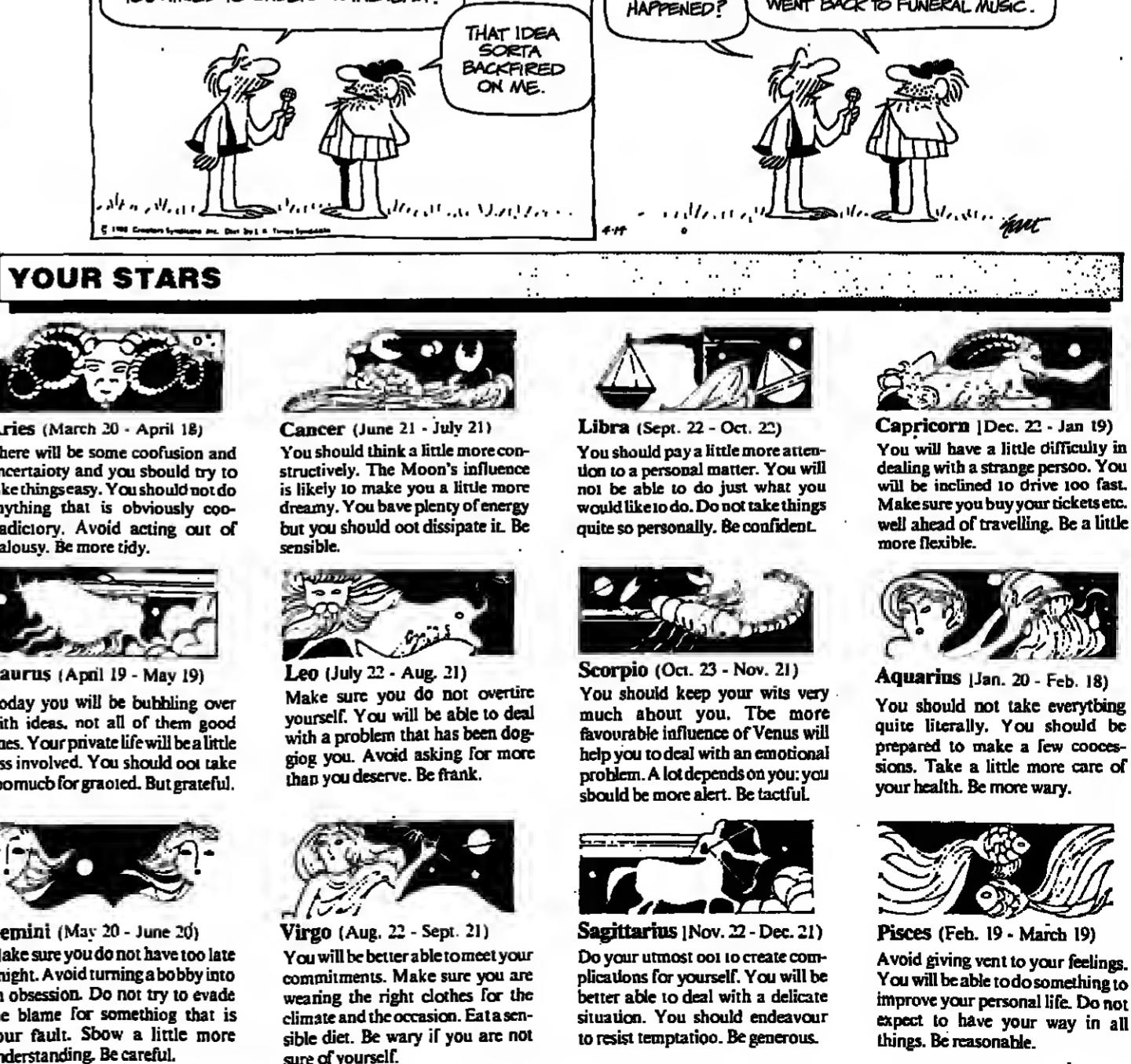
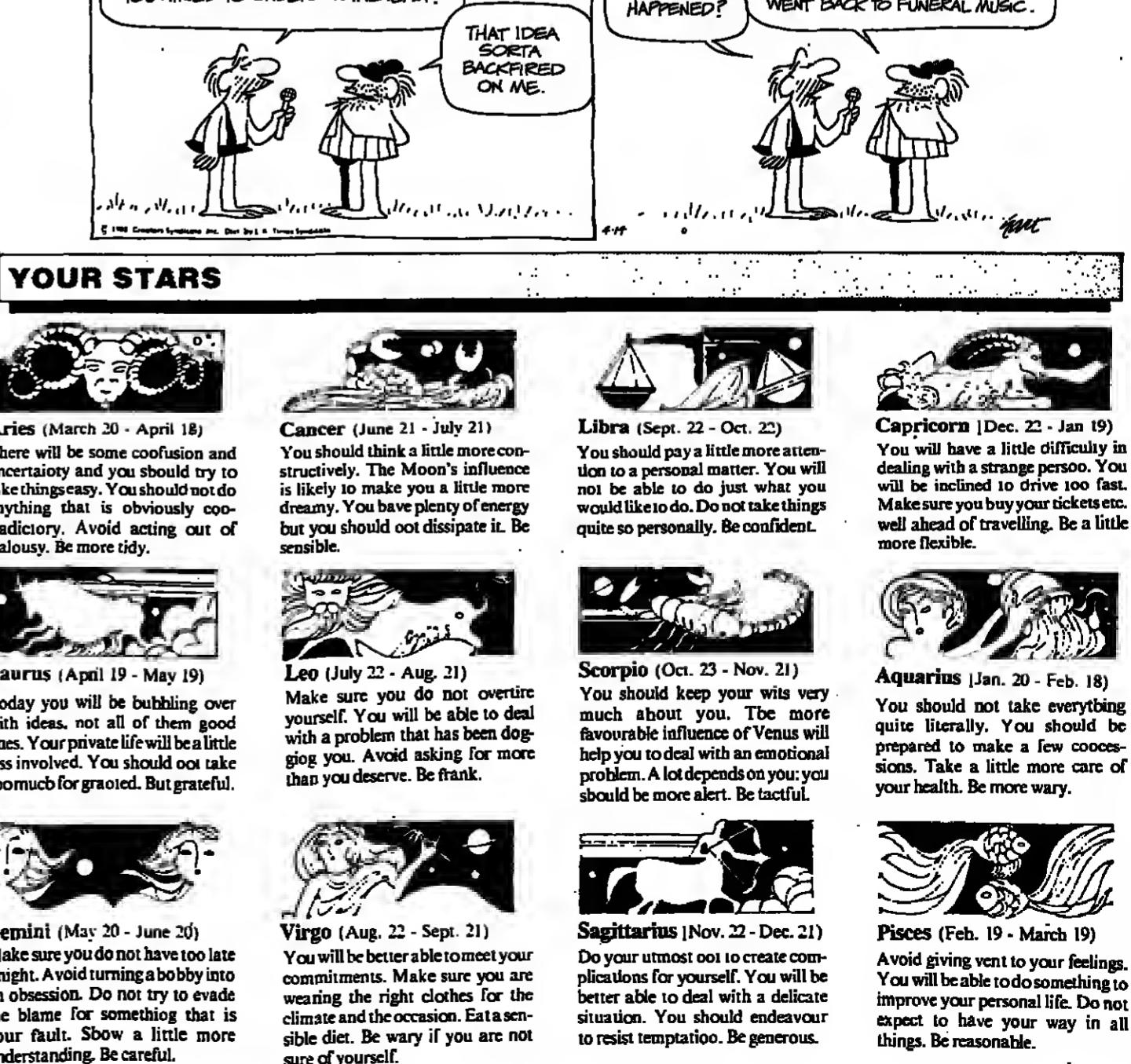
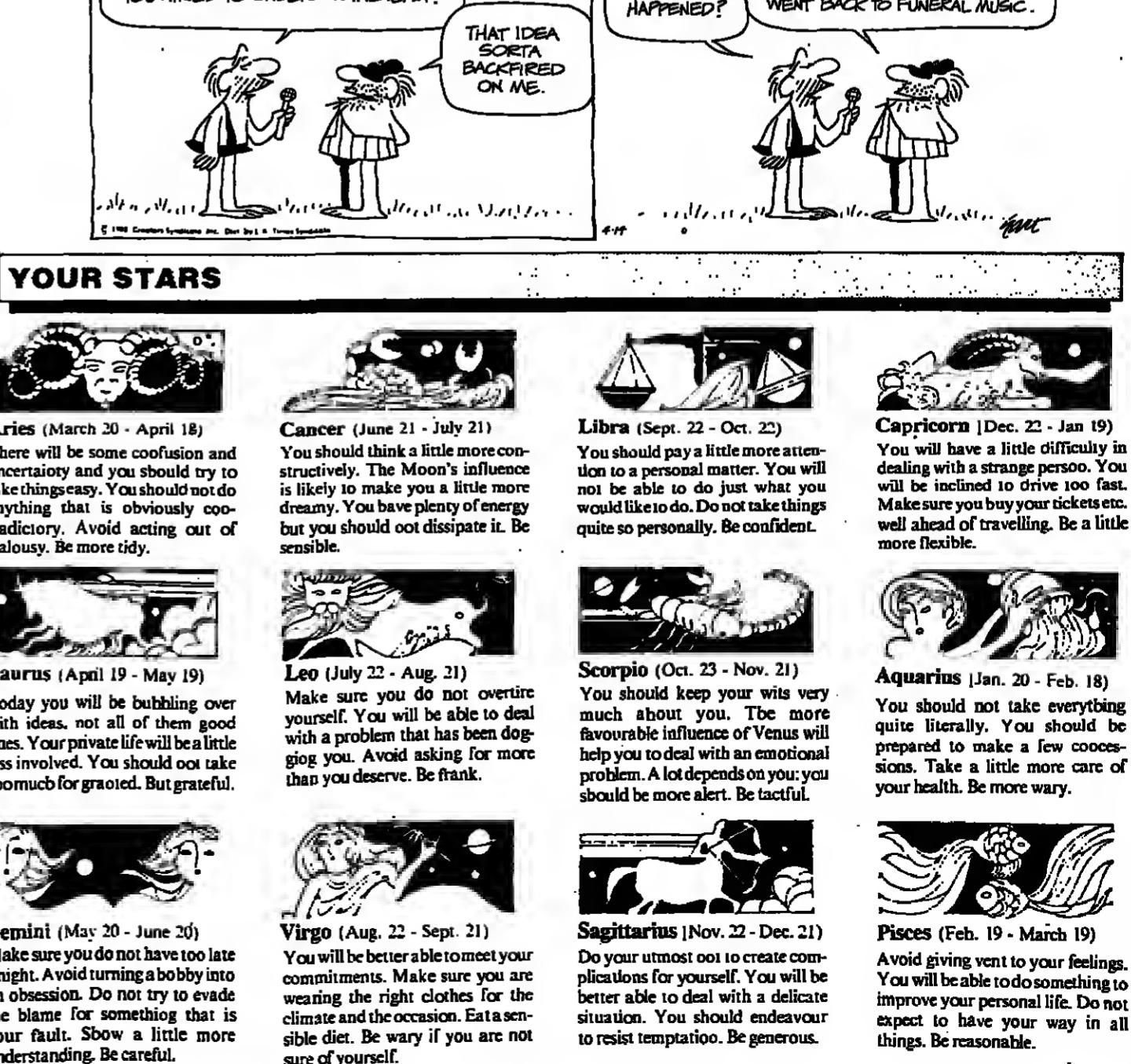
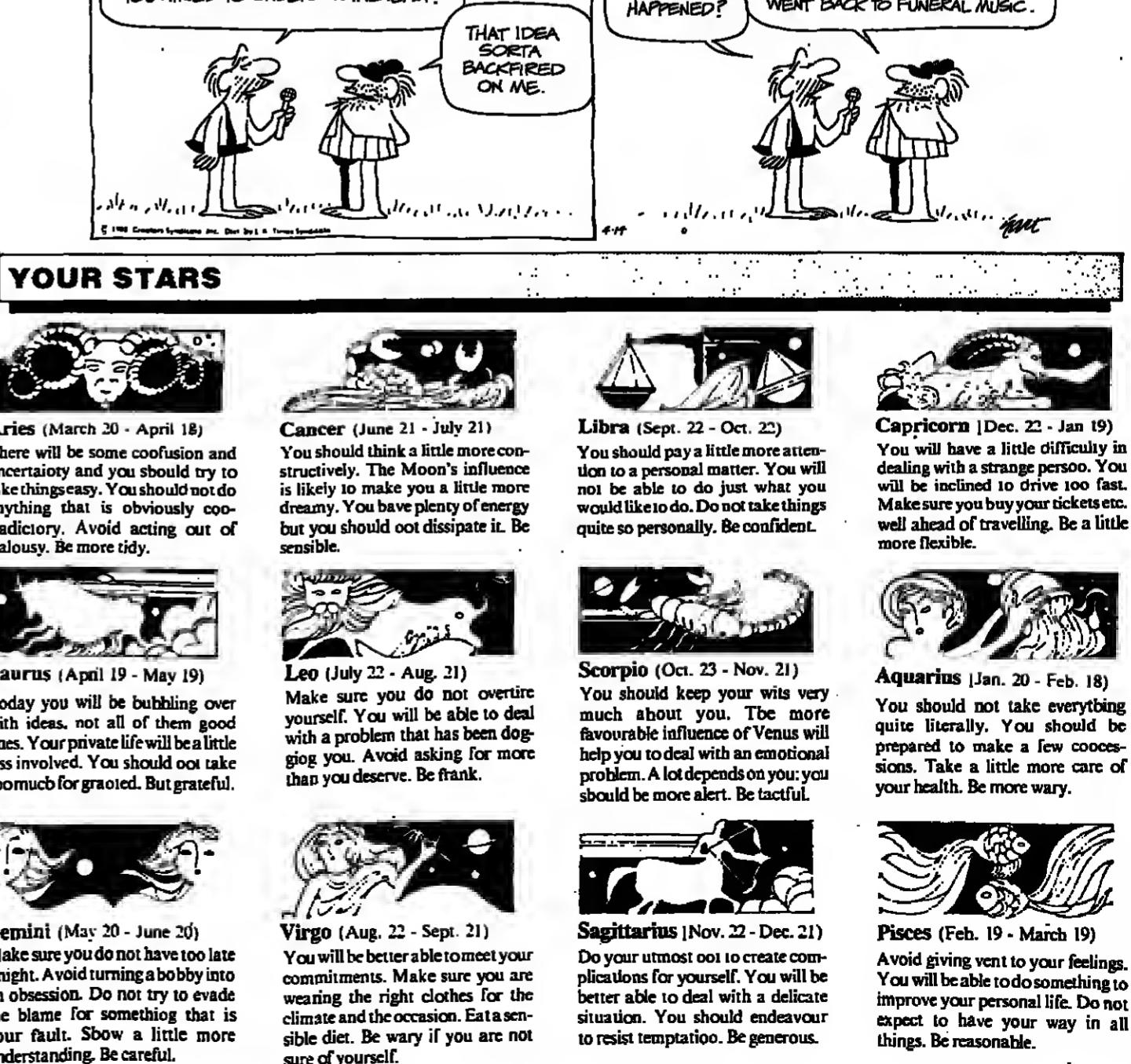
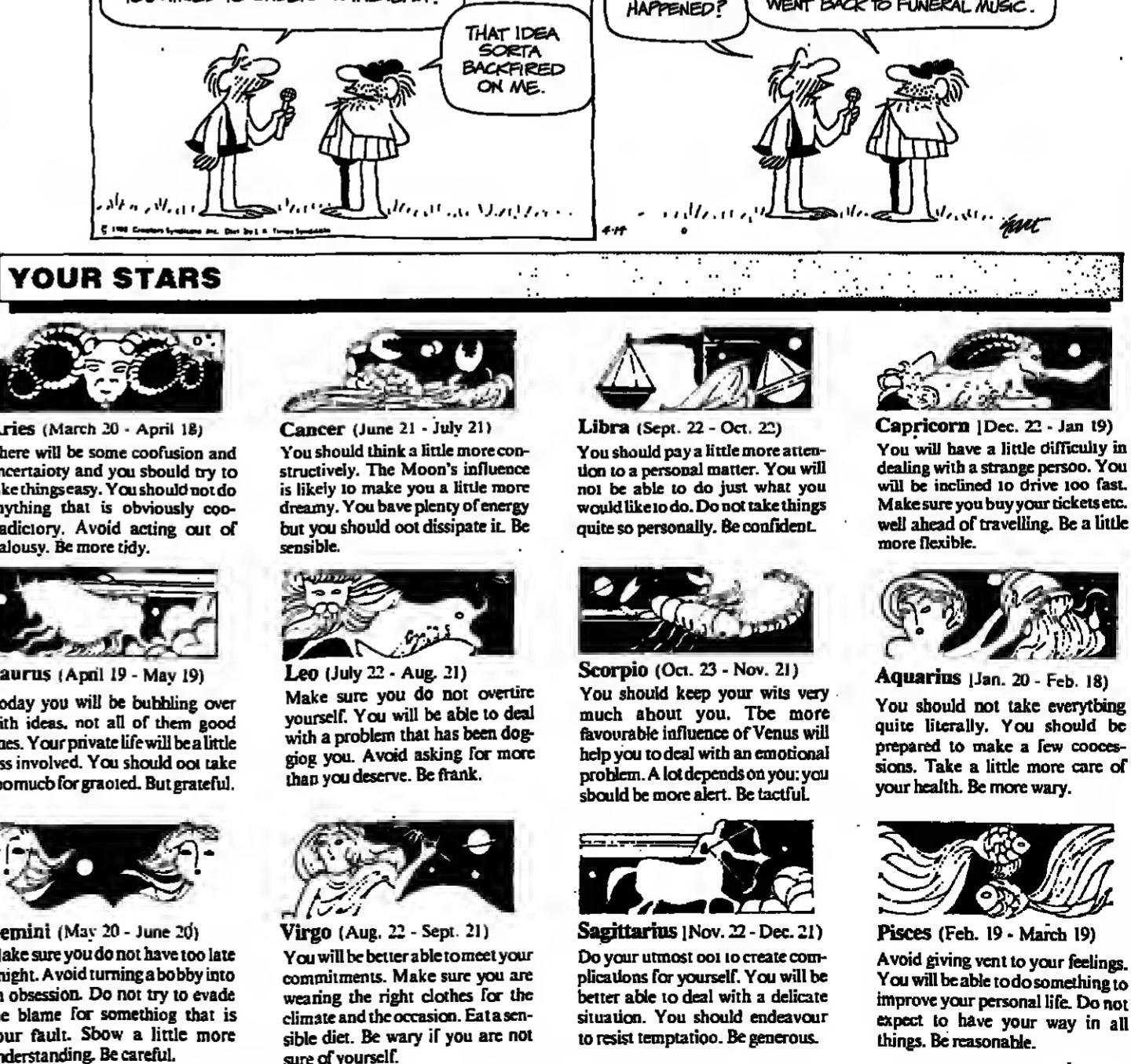
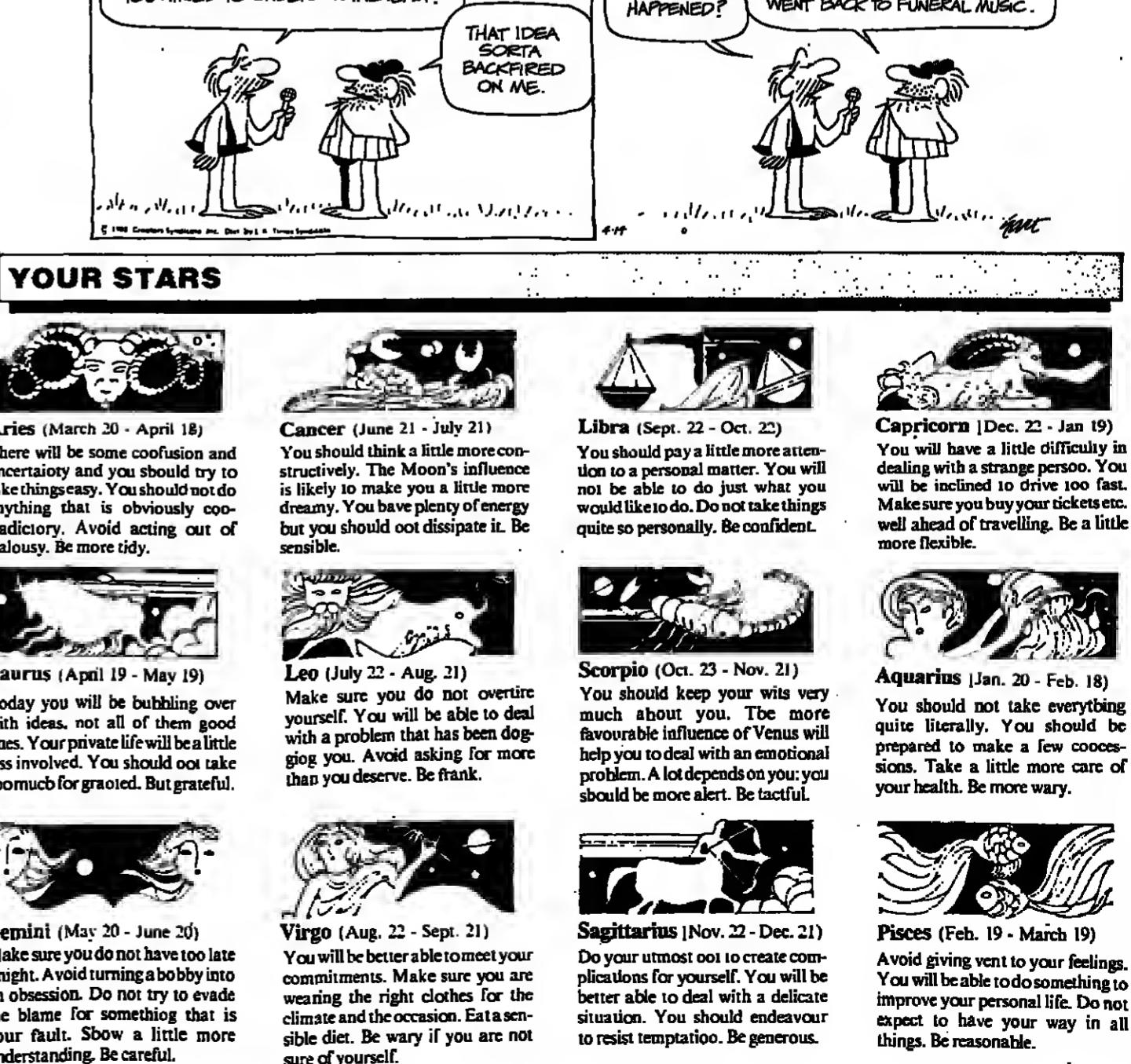
**Q.4**—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦K5 ♦KJ8 ♦AQ7652 ♦K6  
What is your opening bid?  
A.—Despite your six-card suit, we suggest you open the bidding with one no trump. If you don't, you will have a difficult task ahead trying to describe your good, balanced hand. If you were to replace a low diamond with a low club, you would have had no qualms about opening one no trump. Where's the difference?

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS



**Dear Junior Readers,**

A high school senior in Kuwait found some things printed in a textbook he was assigned to read for a course he was taking during the summer at a university in California which were uncomplimentary toward Arabs. He wrote the publisher and said that he thought the remarks were unfair to Arabs.

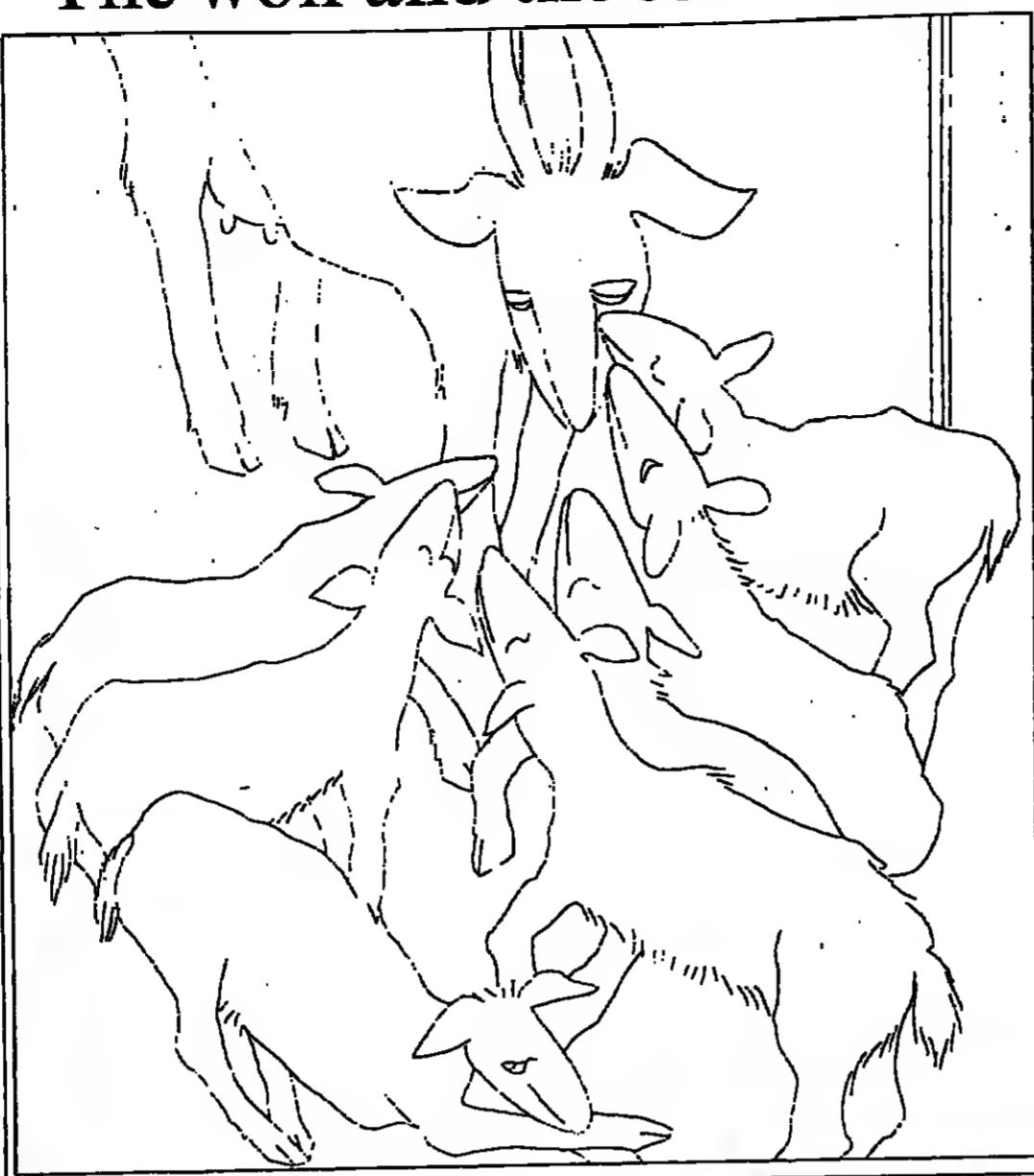
Although it took several months for a reply, he finally received a letter from one of the authors of the textbook saying the examples would be changed.

As you read textbooks, newspapers or magazines you should be aware of things that are unfair to any nationality. And when you find such things written, do as this high school student did — write a letter and bring it to the attention of the publisher. Your letter could make a difference in what people learn and think about others.

Aun Barbara

**Happy birthday**

Aashish Ramesh Parmar (above left), Gurleen Arora (above right) Mariam Kazi Fateh Mohammed (below left) and Nija (below right) celebrated birthdays this month. Best wishes, Aashish, Gurleen, Mariam and Nija, from your families and friends.

**The wolf and the seven kids**

A GOAT had seven kids whom she loved dearly and guarded carefully against the wolf. One day when she had to go out for provisions, she called them all together and said, "Dear children, I must go and bring food. Beware of the wolf and don't let him in. Listen carefully, because he often tries to disguise himself. You will always be able to recognize him by his hoarse voice and black paws. Be watchful, for once he gets into the house, he'll eat you all up."

Then she left and, before long, the wolf stood at the door and called, "Dear children, open up, I'm your mother and I've brought back some lovely things for you."

But he had set his paws on the windowsill, and the seven kids saw them and said, "You are not our mother. None of her feet is black like yours. You are the wolf and we won't let you in."

The wolf went to a baker and said, "Cover my paws with freshly made dough." When the baker had done so, the wolf went to the miller and said, "Sprinkle white flour over my paws." The miller refused. "If you don't do it, I'll eat you up," said the wolf, and the miller was forced to do what the wolf asked. When the miller had finished, the wolf went back to the

house of the seven kids. He stood by the door and said, "Dear children, let me in. I am your mother and I have a present for each of you."

The seven kids first asked to see the wolf's paws, and when they saw that they were snow-white and heard how softly he spoke, they thought he was their mother and opened the door. The wolf came in. As soon as they recognized him, they hid quickly, as best they could. The first got under the table, the second into the bed, the third into the oven, the fourth ran into the kitchen, the fifth hid in the cupboard, the sixth slid under a big pot, and the seventh squeezed himself into the grandfather clock. But the wolf found all of them and swallowed them whole, except the youngest, hidden in the clock. He was saved.

Since the wolf had satisfied his appetite, he left and soon afterward the goat returned home. What a hue and cry! The wolf had been there and had eaten her children! She thought they were all gone until the youngest jumped out of the clock, and related how the tragedy had taken place.

In the meantime, the wolf, because he had eaten so much, took himself off to a green meadow, lay down in the sunlight and fell fast asleep.

The old goat thought that, somehow, she might still save her children, and so she said to the youngest kid, "Take some yarn, a needle and a pair of shears, and follow me."

She went out in search of the wolf and found him snoring in the meadow. "Here he lies, the horrid wolf, after having eaten my six children for an afternoon snack," she said, as she inspected him carefully from all sides. "Let me have the shears. If only they are still alive inside him."

Then she cut open his stomach and the six kids, which in his greed the wolf had swallowed whole, sprang out unharmed. The goat told them to go at once and find some heavy stones. Then they filled the wolf's stomach with the stones, sewed him up and hid themselves behind some brushwood.

When the wolf had had his sleep, he awoke, but he felt so heavy that he said, "All this rumbling and grumbling inside me, what can it be? I only ate six kids."

He thought perhaps a drink of fresh water would help him and went off to the spring. But when he bent down to drink, he lost his balance because of the heavy stones within him and plunged headlong into the water.

**UAS holds sports day**

Universal American School held the annual sports day with 1000 students participating. Picture shows high school students taking part in one of the track events.

**Where the elephants of Asia live**

The elephants of Asia roam freely in parts of India, Thailand and Sumatra. Some elephants still live in Indo-China but many were destroyed during the fighting and bombing of the Vietnam war.

The elephants we see at circus performances trained to do many tricks come from Asia. Asian elephants are tamer and quieter than elephants of Africa. The Asian elephant

**Asia**

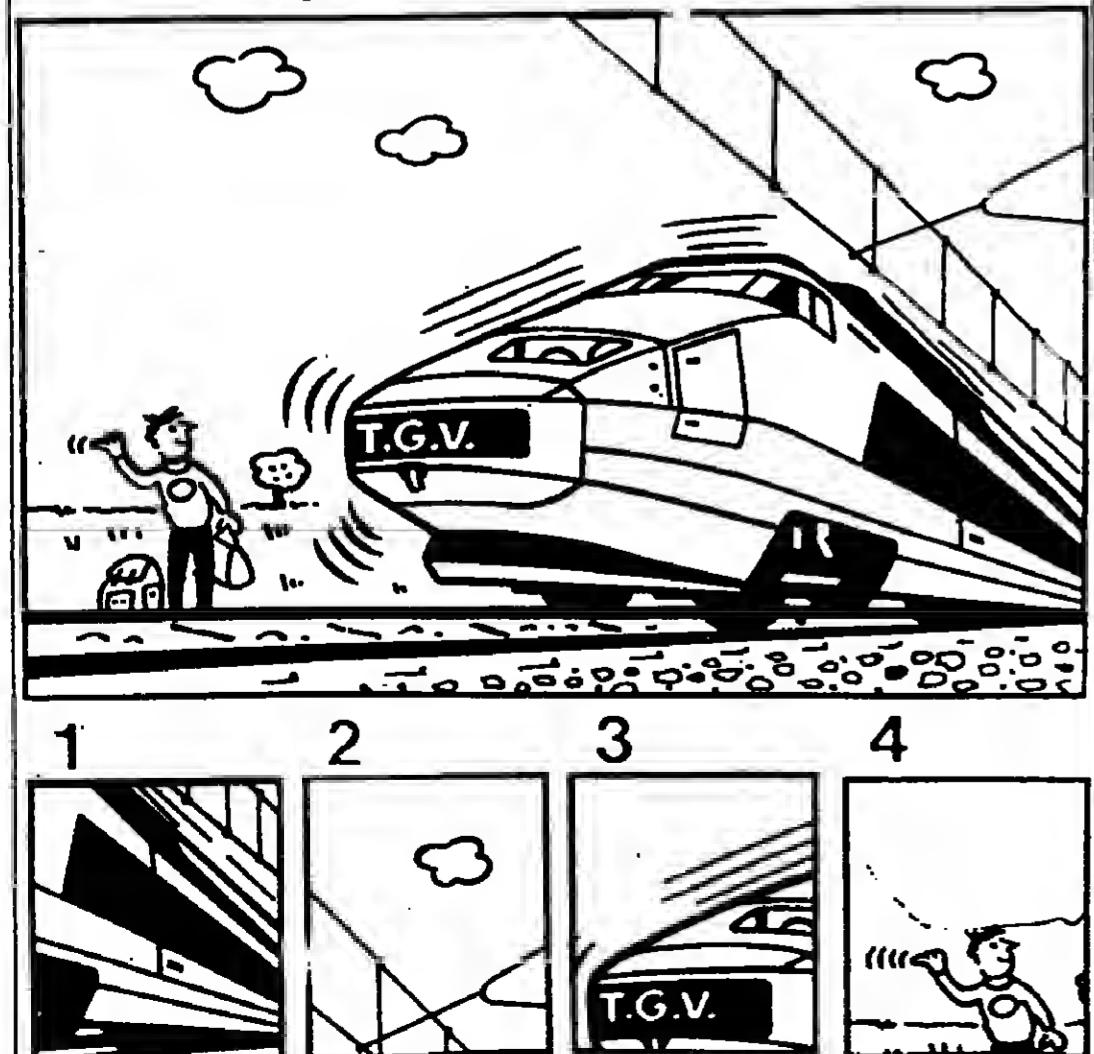
is smaller than the African one; an Asian bull, or male, elephant is about 3 metres tall and weighs between 3 and 6 tons. It also has smaller ears and a hollow forehead.

In Asia many elephants are trained to do heavy work in the forests. The elephants use their long, powerful trunks to lift huge logs of timber or roll

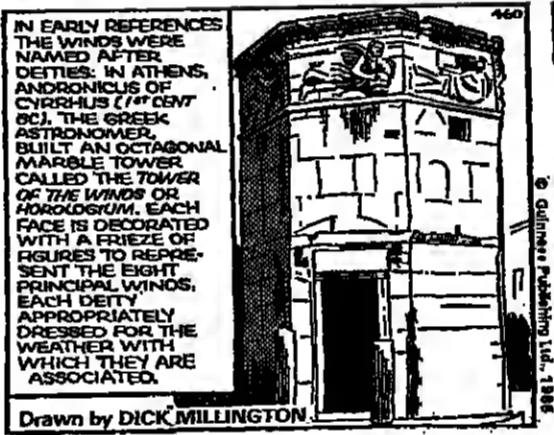
them along the ground.

Elephants are fairly long-lived animals. The normal life-span for an Asian elephant living in its natural surroundings is about fifty years, but one captive elephant in India is recorded to have lived to an age of 130 years.

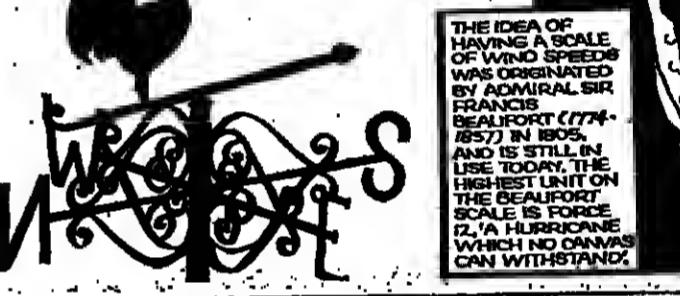
White elephants, also known as albinos, are rare. They occasionally appear in Thailand and Burma where they are regarded as sacred and never allowed to work.

**Hitchy feet**  
Which two of the small pictures are exact copies of parts of the large picture?**Sound effects**

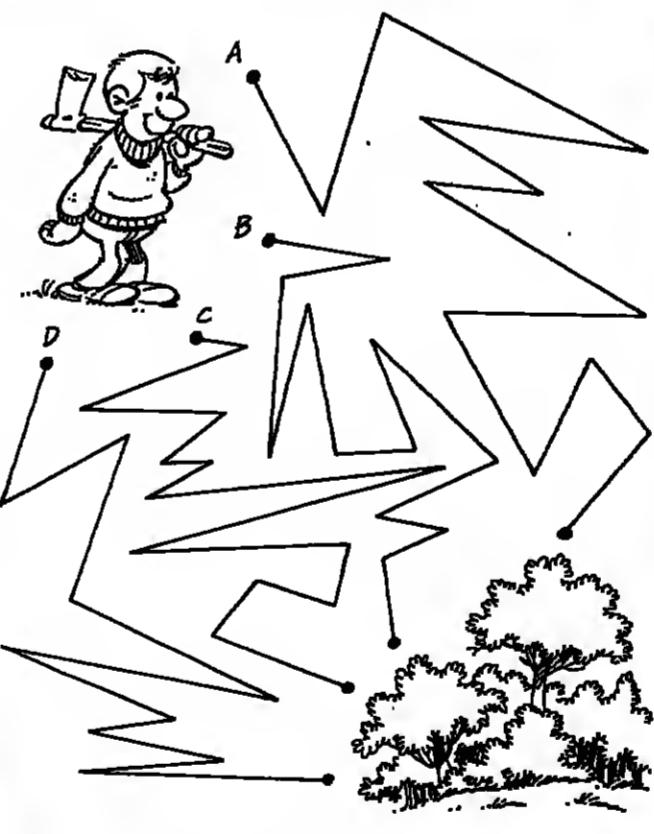
Which of these six sound recordists is the only man to be fully equipped and what are the details missing from the other five?

**Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS**

THE WEATHER COCK VANE ADOPTED BY THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE LATE 9TH CENTURY. THE PERPETUAL REMINDER OF THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND CROWDED AT PETER'S DENIAL OF CHRIST.

**Shortcomings**

Which of the paths A, B, C or D is the shortest way to the woods?

**Cross reference**

The object is to discover which letter of the alphabet each number in the diagram represents. Repeat the starting letters wherever their respective numbers occur; this should give you enough clues to start guessing at likely words.

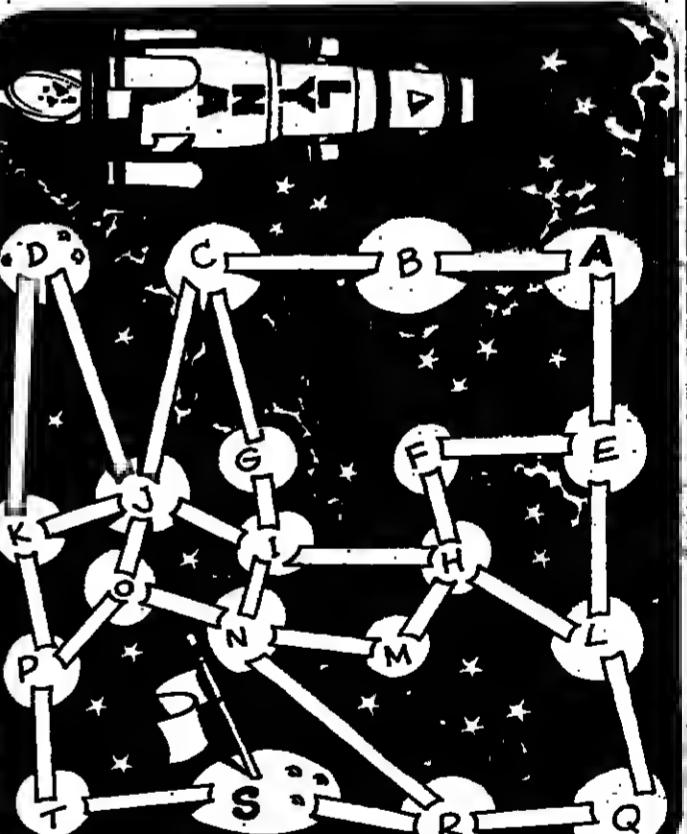
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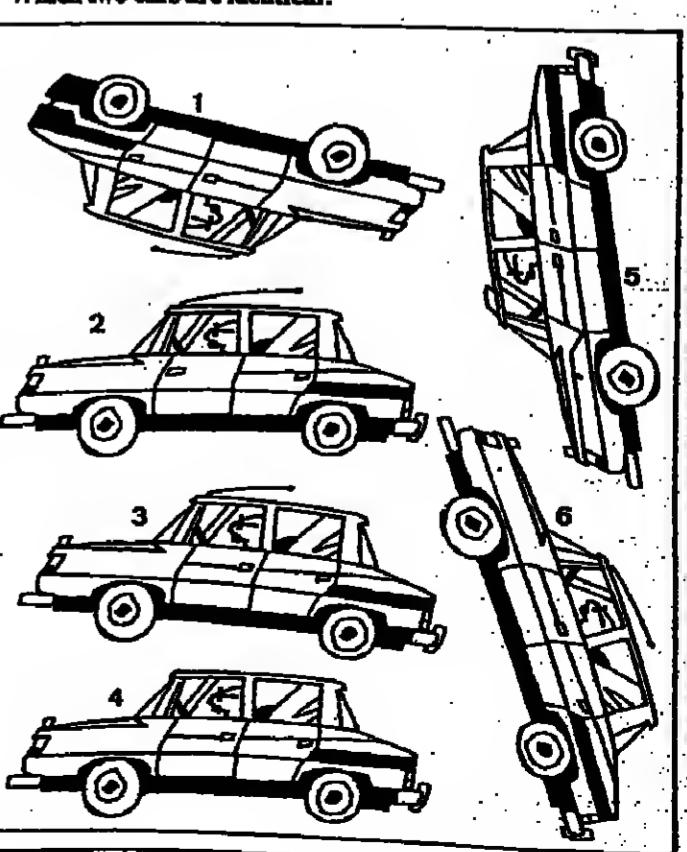
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**Spaced out**

Leaving from planet A, what is the shortest way to reach planet S by going through an even number of passages?

**Pile up pair**

Which two cars are identical?



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Amoco gas, foreign operations set for growth

ACQUISITION of Dome Petroleum Ltd., Calgary, will make Amoco Corp. the largest owner and producer of gas reserves in North America.

However, it is inevitable that an increasing portion of Amoco's upstream investment will be going into areas outside North America, the company told security analysts in Boston.

Amoco figures place the companies' total North American gas production at 2,636 bcf in 1987 from reserves of 15,825 tcf as of last Dec 31. An Amoco subsidiary expects to close its \$5.5 billion acquisition of Dome by midyear.

"Natural gas is an abundant energy resource on this continent and should be viewed as the cornerstone of North American energy security," said Amoco Chairman Richard Morrow.

### Plentiful!

"Opportunities to expand supply are plentiful, the cost is reasonable, and gas can be produced and consumed with little impact on the environment."

Amoco's challenge is to continue to replace production, said H. Laurence Fuller, president. The company replaced worldwide production of 4.7 billion bbl of oil equivalent the past 10 years.

Amoco will continue to explore and produce in areas where it is operationally strong, such as mature U.S. and Canadian basins.

Foreign operations probably will account for an average of more than 50 per cent of Amoco's total upstream spending during the next 5 years; compared with an average of 34 per cent during the past 20 years, Fuller said.

For example, Amoco was one of the most successful in the 10th round of U.K. offshore licensing. It was awarded six licences covering more than 800 sq km.

Through Gulf of Suez Petroleum Co., jointly owned with the Egyptian government, Amoco is by far Egypt's leading oil producer and a pioneer in gas production. El Morgan field, discovered in 1965, surpassed 1 billion bbl of production in 1987.

## Yugoslavia and Albania to sign border trade pact

BELGRADE, April 25. (Reuter): Yugoslavia and neighbouring Albania will sign a border trade agreement in Belgrade, the Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

Albania, a Communist-ruled country long closed to almost any form of foreign contact, signed a border trade agreement with Greece last week. Diplomats said the agreements were signs of the country's slow opening to the outside world.

The agreement states that border trade should make up 20 per cent of overall bilateral trade, Tanjug said. This amounted to only \$63 million in 1987, due to a drought in Albania which prevented it from meeting its contracts, according to Tanjug.

Tanjug said border trade was one of the forms of cooperation proposed at the first-ever meeting of Balkan foreign ministers in Belgrade last February, in which Albania participated.

## Rising pay for US corporate elite angers some labour leaders

NEW YORK, April 25. (Reuter): The annual pay of America's corporate elite soared by 48 per cent last year, angering some labour leaders and raising questions about the propriety of salaries that reach into the millions.

The average compensation for the two top executives at 339 US firms surveyed by the magazine Business Week was \$1.8 million.

Jim Manzi, the 36-year-old chairman of the computer software firm Lotus Development Corp., topped the list with 1987 salary and stock options of \$26.3 million.

Chrysler Corp chairman Lee Iacocca, even after \$6 million pay cut, was ranked second with \$17.9 million, a figure that led United Auto Workers vice president Marc Stepp to call Chrysler "selfish, greedy and insensitive."

Six other top executives earned more than \$10 million last year.

But is anybody worth that much?

"Nobody's bothered by what Bill Cosby or Michael Jackson make," said Kevin Murphy, a University of Rochester business professor. TV star Cosby, for his magazine has estimated, ear-

## Non-Opec Mexico, China agree to cut exports

# Prospects uncertain for oil talks

VIENNA, April 25. (Reuter): When Opec meets producers from outside the organisation in Vienna this week, the chances that their unprecedented talks will produce effective steps to boost oil prices are uncertain, analysts say.

They also say they are unsure whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) can still call the shots on oil prices, and pointed to the fact that Opec called this week's meeting with seven non-Opec producers as a sign of its limits.

The seven non-Opec producers invited to Tuesday's talks — Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Oman — met recently in London to discuss ways of boosting the market.

Between them the seven

produce a little over eight million barrels per day (bpd), of which they export about half.

Oil prices this year have been as much as \$4 a barrel below Opec's reference price of \$18. A key reason is that producers are pumping more oil than the rest of the world wants.

"The meeting must give an indication that there will be some sort of production cut in order to keep oil prices up," Dillard Springs, of Petroleum Analysis Ltd, said in New York.

"But I don't think the statement they make will have much meat on it," he added.

One reason, London stockbrokers Phillips and Drew suggest in a recent report is that any pumping slowdown non-Opec producers offer — the report says an offer of a five per cent produc-

tion cuts is likely — will be conditional on Opec support.

That may not come immediately.

The most likely scenario for Opec is to stay until they will continue talks with non-Opec producers and if they need to change quotas they will do so at the full ministerial meeting in June," said Vahan Zanoyan of Petroleum

Finance Co.

### Output

Opec's 13 members normally meet in Vienna in June and December to study the market and decide on any changes in production levels they think necessary to boost prices.

And then there is the question of what Opec will cut.

Opec pumped an estimated 17.4 million bpd in March, well above its overall output ceiling of

15.06 million bpd agreed last December, industry sources said.

That agreement excluded Iraq which refused to sign the production pact as it wanted parity with its Gulf war foe Iran. Iraq pumps around 2.5 million bpd, the sources estimated.

### Changes

"Will Opec cut from its quota levels, or down to its quota level?" said Sarah Emerson, an analyst with the US-based firm Energy Security Analysis Inc.

"The talks are aimed at stringing the market along but at some point fundamental will take hold ... prices will reflect oversupply," she said.

The April 26 and 27 Opec/non-

Opec talks are due to be followed on April 28 by a "consultative conference" of all 13 Opec mem-

bers which could reconvene as an

emergency meeting and approve changes in production levels, oil analysts said.

But producers like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are known to oppose cuts in quotas, they said.

Opec hawks Iran and Algeria have favoured cuts but Iran recently seems to have softened its stance, they added.

Non-Opec Mexico and China have said they are willing to cut exports if an agreement can be reached with Opec, while Norway also outside the organisation, has said it will continue cuts on its output.

Major non-Opec producers Britain and the United States, however, have not been invited to Tuesday's meeting. They have often said they are unwilling to interfere with market forces.

## World Business Summary

### Inflation-linked pay rises planned for Turkey

KONYA, Turkey, April 25. (Reuter): Turkey plans to give all civil servants and public sector employees inflation linked pay rises every six months from July, a cabinet minister said yesterday. "We will never let our civil servants and workers be drowned by inflation," State Minister Abdullah Tekeci told reporters in the central city of Konya. The new system, likely to dampen widespread trade union-led unrest, will start on July 1. Tekeci, quoted by the Anatolian News Agency, did not say which inflation rate would be used to calculate new rises — consumer price inflation currently running at an annual rate of 70 per cent or wholesale inflation, now 65 per cent. Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's government has ordered rises of up to 10 per cent on prices of many state-controlled goods and services since November to cut a ballooning budget deficit.

Trade unions have threatened mass strikes from May unless wages are brought into line with inflation and the minimum monthly salary of 74,500 lira (\$60) is raised.

The average monthly wage for a factory worker is 90,000 lira (\$72) and a middle to senior ranking civil servant can expect to take home about 500,000 lira (\$400).

### French managers accused of high-tech exports to Moscow

PARIS, April 25. (Reuter): Two former heads of France's leading manufacturers of industrial equipment have been charged with breaking a Western ban on exporting sensitive technology to the Soviet Union, legal officials said on Thursday. They said Jean-Paul Chamontin, the former chairman of Machine Francaise Lourde (MFL) and Louis Tardif, ex-chairman of subsidiary Forest-Line, were accused last week of "supplying the agents of a foreign power with information." Two chief executives working for the two firms were arrested in the same charges. The four men have been remanded in custody. The arrests followed a long police investigation into the firm's activities, the officials said.

The Western trade watchdog body Cocom asked the French government last year to account for shipments of modern propeller-milling machines to the Soviet Union in the mid-1970s by the forest-line, then called rater forest.

The request came after Japanese computer giant Toshiba, itself facing international condemnation for selling technology allowing Moscow to build quieter nuclear submarines, said rater forest had made similar sales several years before.

The officials said recent sales by the two French firms were also being investigated.

Cocom (the Coordinating Committee for Multinational Export Controls), which groups Japan and all Nato members except Iceland, draws up lists of strategically useful technology and tries to prevent its export to Warsaw Pact countries.

### US hotel chain quits S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, April 25. (Reuter): The US Westin Hotel chain said last week it was joining the list of foreign companies leaving South Africa by ending a contract to manage Johannesburg's best-known hotel, the Carlton. Hotel general manager Patrick Kelly said the departure of Westin Hotels and resorts from South Africa came in response to rising pressure from the US anti-apartheid lobby. "It was not Westin's desire to pull out," Kelly, a Westin employee, told a news conference. "In recent months the anti-South Africa sentiment has increased substantially in the United States," Kelly said, adding "we can't afford it any longer." The 670-room hotel's South African owners, Anglo American Properties Ltd, will keep it open, although Carlton has lost money for the past three years and its 1987 room occupancy rate was just 47 per cent. Like most major South African hotels, the Carlton, which towers over central Johannesburg, accepts guests of all races. More than 140 US companies have withdrawn from South Africa over the past two years, including such giants as International Business Machines Corp., General Motors Corp., Coca-Cola Co. and Eastman Kodak Co. About 160 American companies still operating in South Africa are under increasing pressure to leave because of this country's apartheid race policies. A new bill drafted by West Virginia Congressman Bob Wise seeks to force all US oil companies out of South Africa. Sanctions have cut US trade and Japan has supplanted the United States as South Africa's biggest trading partner.

## Travel agencies also thriving as tours become cheaper

# Europeans going to US in record numbers

FRANKFURT, April 25. (AP): Spurred by the low dollar and cheaper air fares, Europeans from Scandinavia to Spain are rediscovering the new world and are expected to set a new record this year for US visits.

Tourist visa applications are flooding US consulates across Western Europe, and tour operators say the number of bookings is sharply up from last year's record.

"The numbers (of visa applicants) are increasing dramatically," said Ira Levy, chief of the non-immigrant visa branch at the US embassy in London.

Donald Mudd, chief of consular services at the US consulate in Frankfurt, said the consulate issued about 600,000 tourist visas last year.

Britain and West Germany

provide the bulk of tourists visiting the United States and the two countries are expected to comprise for nearly 2 million trips this year.

Levy said the number of non-immigrant visas issued in Britain for the United States was expected to reach 900,000 this year from 642,000 in 1987.

January this year saw a 69-per-cent increase in issued non-immigrant visas over January 1987, and February figures rose 66 per cent over the same month last year, Levy said.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1988

## International Bond Highlights

Toronto — Bank of Montreal's unit, London-based Bank of Montreal Capital Markets Ltd., said it will merge its Eurobond business with 75 pct owned Nesbitt Thomson Deacon Inc. (RTWM 1841)

## Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/8 7-7/8	8-3/16 1/16	8-7/16 5/16
FFT 3.25/35	3.25/35	3.35/45
PAR 7-3/4 7/8	7-11/16 13/16	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-7/8 2-1/8	1-7/8 2-1/8	2 2-1/4
BXR 3.60	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
RON 9-7/8 10-3/8	10 10-1/2	10-1/2 11
AMS 3-3/4 4-1/2	3-15/16 4-1/16	4.0 4-1/16
TOK 3.4575 5000	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
ECU 5.81 5.95	6.00 6.18	6.25 6.37

## Interest Rates

Period	Bld	Offered
1 month	5 11/16	6 1/8
3 months	5 11/16	6 1/16
6 months	5 5/8	6
1 year	5 5/8	6

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

## AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG	JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.75
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.31	JOR PHOSPHATE KINS.	2.20	2.21
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.72	JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	1.14	1.14
ARAB BANK	114.2 114.2	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.05
ARAB-CHEMICAL OTER	3.91	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.30	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.54	0.52
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.79	0.77
ARAB INT-INV/TRAD.	0.98	JOR SELPRO CHEM.	2.63	2.58
ARAB INT-UNION IHS	0.94	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.17	1.16
ARAB INTER.HOTELS	0.53	JOR WORSTED NLL	4.30	4.30
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10	JOR. KUWAIT AGR.	1.00	1.00
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.30	JOR PETROLEUM REF.	7.03	7.02
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.	1.93	JOR.FRENCH INS.	5.25	5.30
ARAB POTASH CO.	0.76	JOR.JVN.FIN.CORP.	1.86	1.86
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	JORDAN DAIRY	0.99	0.98
BARD OF JORDAN	14.70	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.14	1.13
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.67	1.67
DAR AL DALWA DIV/INV.	1.42	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.50	1.45
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.41	JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.55	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.76
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	MACH/EGU/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.76
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.23	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
GENERAL MINNING.	1.40	MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
NIMHAN MINERALS	0.79	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.60
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	MAT.FIN.INVEST CO.	1.80	1.80
IND./HATCH JENCO	0.62	MAT/CABEL/WIRE/HF	0.97	0.96
INDSTR DEVPLT BNK	1.58	MATERIALS	1.28	1.29
INDSTR/COM/AGR.	1.33	MATERIALS	0.86	0.84
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	MATERIALS	0.80	0.80
INTERN.COM/INV	0.19	MATERIALS	0.70	0.69
IRBIB ELECTRICITY	0.96	MATERIALS	2.70	2.69
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	MATERIALS	2.25	2.28
ITEMED/PETRICH	1.21	MATERIALS	2.00	1.95
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	MATERIALS	0.50	0.50
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	MATERIALS	0.40	0.39
J.O TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	MATERIALS	0.81	0.80
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.01	MATERIALS	0.79	0.79
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	MATERIALS	2.50	2.50
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45	MATERIALS	1.68	1.71
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	MATERIALS	1.17	1.17
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.91	MATERIALS	1.34	1.35
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	MATERIALS	1.19	1.23
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.38	MATERIALS	0.85	0.81
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	MATERIALS	1.06	1.06

## KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.860	0.870	0.860	30000	2	
GULF BANK	0.330	0.340	0.330	157000	40	
COMMERCIAL BK	0.242	0.240	0.242	0.240	150000	4
AHLI BANK	0.275	—	—	—	—	—
B.K.N.E	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	10000	1
K.R.E.B.	0.370	—	—	—	—	—
BURGAN BANK	0.236	—	—	—	—	—
K.F.HOUSE	0.405	—	—	—	—	—
INVESTMENT SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
KUT INV. CO.	0.174	—	—	—	—	—
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	—	—	—	—	—
K.I.I.C.	0.162	—	—	—	—	—
COM/FACILITIES	0.388	—	—	—	—	—
ARLIAN INV.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
I.F.A.	0.100	—	—	—	—	—
IMV. PEARL KWT	0.102	0.102	0.102	40000	2	
INSURANCE SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
KUT INSURANCE	0.690	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INSURANCE	0.570	—	—	—	—	—
ARLIA INS. CO.	0.520	—	—	—	—	—
WARBA INS. CO.	0.415	—	—	—	—	—
REAL EST SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.240	—	—	—	—	—
UNI.R.E.S.T. CO.	0.118	0.114	0.114	0.114	156000	13
MAT.R.E.S.T. CO.	0.224	—	—	—	—	—
SALMIAN R.E.	0.075	—	—	—	—	—
KUT PROJECTS	0.086	—	—	—	—	—
KUT R.E.I.CON	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
INDUSTRY SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
NAT.IND. CO.	0.510	—	—	—	—	—
KUT M.P. IND.	0.305	—	—	—	—	—
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.238	—	—	—	—	—
REF. IND. CO.	0.385	—	—	—	—	—
M.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF CABLE	0.990	—	—	—	—	—
K.P.H.IND. CO.	0.116	—	—	—	—	—
CONT. MARINE	0.350	—	—	—	—	—
K.SH.REP.CO.	0.042	—	—	—	—	—
SERVICES SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081	—	—	—	—	—
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	—	—	—	—	—
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.174	—	—	—	—	—
P.WAREHOUSING	0.136	—	—	—	—	—
COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.019	—	—	—	—	—
MOBILE TELE.	0.355	—	—	—	—	—
KUT COMPUTER	0.190	—	—	—	—	—
FOOD SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.220	—	—	—	—	—
UNITD FISHERIES	0.166	—	—	—	—	—
UNITD POULTRY	0.238	—	—	—	—	—
KUT FOODS	0.285	—	—	—	—	—
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	—	—	—	—	—
NON-KUT SECTOR	—	—	—	—	—	—
BHN.INTER.BE	0.066	0.066	0.066	400000	2	
BHN.N.EAST.BK	0.043	—	—	—	—	—
UMTD.GULF.BK	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
COAST. INVEST.	0.078	—	—	—	—	—
A.G. INV.CORP.	0.040	0.040	0.040	160000	2	
FIRST.GULF.BK	0.020	—	—	—	—	

French markets dip

# Dollar steady, gold slightly higher

LONDON, April 25. (Reuter): The dollar was steady and most stock markets were quiet this morning, but the French franc dipped and Paris shares fell sharply in response to the vote in yesterday's first round of the French presidential election.

Oil prices held around Friday's closing levels. British North Sea Brent crude was quoted around \$17.10 a barrel for May loading, and the price of gold was fixed in London at \$49.75 an ounce, up 30 cents from Friday's finish.

Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market rose 155.08 points, to a record 27,213.45. London shares by late morning had lost

most of their opening gains and the 100-share FTSE index was only half a point down on its Friday close of 1,771.6.

But the Paris Bourse indicator fell as much as 3.1 per cent by mid-morning, as dealers said they were upset that Conservative Prime Minister Jacques Chirac won just under 20 per cent in yesterday's voting, compared with Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's 34 per cent.

**Dealer**

"No one wants to sit around as things get bleaker over the next two weeks," a Paris share dealer said. The final round of voting will be held on May 8.

The French franc fell as much

as two centimes to approach 5.7 francs to the dollar, before settling just below 5.69.

"It's a normal effect of the election—Chirac's performance was fairly disappointing," a Paris currency dealer said.

Most other currency exchange rates held steady, with the dollar hardly changed at 1.6735 West German marks and 124.60 Japanese yen. It traded at \$1.8830 to the pound sterling.

"The dollar seems to have risen back over the last few days on little more than a lack of reasons to sell it," said a currency analyst with a British bank.

Concern that US inflation is on the rise and over the massive

American trade deficit should depress the dollar, dealers said.

But for many, their worries about tension in the Gulf, and a widely-held view that US interest rates will rise soon make the dollar an attractive place to hold funds.

Those same concerns have been boosting gold, traditionally favoured by investors when international tensions or when inflation threatens to erode the value of cash and securities.

Worries about inflation had weighed on stock markets, too.

But Tokyo stockbrokers say they expect their market to rally.

"We are above 27,000 and going strong," said Tadaaki

Uehara, deputy general manager at Wako Securities.

"There is no specific bad news, and the domestic economy remains bright," said deputy branch manager Takeshi Mirakami of Schroder Securities. "The Tokyo market is still on an up trend."

**Higher**

Meanwhile, Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index opened 0.4 points higher at 295.86 while Amsterdam's CBS all-share index opened 0.5 points higher at 84.4.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 32.4 points to close at 2,623.75 and Singapore shares edged higher.

## US warns of environmental dangers resulting from big loans

WASHINGTON, April 25. (AP): Pending loans totalling more than \$3 billion aimed at raising living standards in 20 countries also may harm people in those countries and damage their natural resources, a government agency says.

Of particular concern are projects that would dam up big rivers in the tropics, build roads into undeveloped parts of the world or try to develop rural areas, according to the US Agency for International Development.

US law requires the agency to draw up a list of loans proposed by international lending institutions and which it considers dangerous, and distribute it to members of those institutions—such as Japan and Western European countries.

**Project**

The agency says the project could increase the risk of earthquakes, of waterlogging the soil and of transmitting water-borne diseases including malaria and cholera. There would be 40,000 hectares (96,000 acres) cleared of forest and submerged.

"We continue to have concerns about this project and will pursue them again with World Bank management as one of our top priorities to see what actions to address our concerns will be taken," the agency said.

**Loans**

An advance copy obtained by the Associated Press indicated 31 such loans in the planning stage would dole out at least \$3 billion—and possibly much more.

No estimates were available for five of the loans. Others were earmarked for major projects on

which the banks already have made loans and may make more in the future.

The United States is the biggest contributor to the World Bank, which is a major source of such loans to poor countries.

One of the biggest World Bank loans on the list would provide \$420 million for a dam on India's Narmada river, second only to the Ganges in sacredness to Hindus. The dam eventually would displace 120,000 people, irrigate 300,000 hectares (about 720,000 acres) of land and generate 1,000 megawatts of electricity.

**Support**

Another controversial project involved the World Bank's continued support for a major overhaul of Brazil's electric power system. This would include a loan of \$500 million.

The agency says it is concerned about the impact on Brazil's Indian populations and its "sensitive ecosystem." British and West German officials joined the Americans in talking to the bank's management in January, and were told that the loan had been delayed until September or October, mostly for economic reasons.

## Trade bill veto threat 'a mistake'

WASHINGTON, April 25. (Reuter): President Reagan is making a serious mistake by threatening to veto a sweeping trade bill as Congress would be unlikely to pass another version this year, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee said yesterday.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, in a television interview, criticised the administration's stance as the Senate prepared to vote this week, possibly on Tuesday, on a trade bill approved 312-107 by the House of Representatives last Thursday.

The White House says the President will not sign the bill into law, partly because he objects to a provision requiring 60 days' advance notice of major plant closings and layoffs.

The bill, three years in the making, is intended to open foreign markets to US goods by requiring retaliation against countries that violate international trade pacts. It also includes measures for retraining US workers who lose their jobs because of import competition

and gives more bargaining authority to the US trade representative.

Congressional leaders say the bill is essential to help lower the US deficit on trade with the rest of the world, which exceeded \$170 billion last year.

"I think it's a high-risk policy to risk the entire trade bill over this one issue (60 days' notice), said Bentsen, who led Senate negotiations with House members that led to the sweeping 110-page trade bill.

"You have hundreds of issues, many things involved in there for American workers and American business, and we're trying to turn this trade deficit around," Bentsen said.

**Surpluses**

"To risk it all on this one issue that's a commonsense issue, that's a humane policy, I think is a serious mistake."

In response to questions, Bentsen said it was outrageous for Japan to claim the trade proposals were racist because they aim at lowering Japan's surplus on trade.

**IDB lends to Pakistan, Tunis**

BAHRAIN, April 25. (Reuter): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) signed an agreement at its headquarters in Jeddah on Sunday to lend Pakistan \$20 million to import palm oil, an IDB statement said.

It also signed an agreement to lend Tunis \$37 million to import chemicals.

He said Japan spent an estimated \$60 million lobbying against the bill in Washington last year and that countries with trade surpluses like Japan and West Germany would rejoice if it was vetoed by the President.

If the President vetoes the bill, Bentsen said, Congress "would have a very difficult time and it's high risk whether we can (pass a new bill) this year."

Congress can override a presidential veto with a two-thirds vote in each House.

**Investors meet**

A HIGH level team from Samtel Colour Limited headed by Satish K. Kaura, chairman-cum-managing director, is arriving today to promote their equity issue which opens for non-resident Indians on April 30.

The delegation will hold an investors' conference at the Sheraton Hotel today at 8 pm.

The two sides also discussed improvements in the Japanese export system, cooperation in implementing export controls and cooperative areas of enforcement, plus streamlining control lists, cooperation from third countries and the liberalisation of export controls for China.

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**Lending**

Another solvency indicator, the average ratio of debt to current account earnings, was also on the rise for the group of indebted Arab countries. This ratio rose from an acceptable 179 per cent in 1982 to a poor 203 per cent in 1984 and to a critical 365 per cent in 1986. Slow export growth and lower invisible earnings in the form of workers' remittances and official transfers have undermined current account revenues in the last few years and contributed to the high debt to current account ratios of several indebted Arab countries.

While the solvency indicators point to a rising debt burden for certain highly indebted Arab countries as well as for the group as a whole, the overwhelming official and concessionary nature of Arab external debt has resulted in a relatively low, albeit increasing, debt servicing burden.

**Reserves**

In addition, the emergence of official debt management strategies (rescheduling) and unofficial ones (arrears build-up) have considerably eased the Arab debt burden.

The other liquidity indicators

are the ratio of foreign reserves to average monthly imports, current account earnings and liquidity gap ratio. Based on IMF statistics, by the end of 1987 most of the Arab countries had enough reserves to cover more than two months of import cover.

Only four countries had a liquidity gap ratio higher than 60 indicating that the region's short term debt is still manageable. Given the debt profile levels outstanding by the end of 1986, last year marked the peak of debt servicing burden for the Arab debtor countries as a whole.

After reaching \$14.8 billion in 1987, debt service is projected by the World Bank to decline to \$14.5 billion in 1988 and \$14.4 billion in 1989. By 1991, total debt service for the group will be stored to the 1986 level of 10.6 per cent.

For the Arab debtor countries as a whole, external debt is primarily of a long term nature. In 1986, 82.5 per cent of total external debt was long term, 15.3 per cent was short term and 2.2 per cent was IMF credit (less than 18 months), all close to the average for the 1982-1986 period.

Moreover, this long term debt is primarily public or publicly guaranteed debt, with private non-guaranteed debt practically non-existent. In 1986 only \$1.3 billion was private nonguaranteed long term debt and was mainly accounted for in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia.

While the short-term outlook for the highly indebted Arab countries remains bleak, the longer term prospects are more encouraging especially if the required structural adjustments are implemented.

A global recession is not expected in 1988, nevertheless economic activities will be less

robust than in the previous two years, and the possibility of a worldwide economic slowdown looks higher for 1989.

Demand for oil, agricultural products, phosphates and other commodities that generate most of the indebted Arab countries' export revenues will again be restricted by global conditions.

The US dollar, the currency in which most of these exports are denominated, has not yet bottomed and is expected to weaken further in the course of 1988.

**Lending**

Arab banks and financial institutions are being called upon to increase their lending to the indebted Arab countries to help them service their debt and cover additional financing requirements.

It is doubtful whether the major Arab international banks would be able to contribute much more in this respect.

To stem capital flight, considered an important cause of external Arab debt, the indebted Arab countries need to provide a stable political and economic environment and reduce domestic uncertainties.

An over-valued exchange rate makes foreign assets seem cheap, raises the risk of devaluation of national currencies and encourages capital outflow. High inflation rates create uncertainty as well, which together with repressive interest rate policy render real interest rates low or even negative.

Eliminating fiscal deficits and maintaining positive real interest rate and realistic foreign exchange policy will go a long way towards reducing capital flight and provide a substitute for foreign borrowing.

(Concluded)

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

### KD firm against GCC currencies

#### Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against US dollar ending the week at 273.26 fils compared with its week before last closing at 274.83 fils. Against the pound sterling, the KD was easier ending at 515.86 fils compared with its week before last closing of 506.46 fils.

The KD was slightly easier against the DM ending the week at 163.82 fils compared with its week before last closing of 162.43 fils.

The KD ended the week easier against the SFR closing at 198.35 compared with its week before last closing at 196.10 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar, the KD firmer, ending the week lower at 796.21 fils compared with its week before last closing of 799.27 fils. The KD was slightly firmer against the GCC currencies.

#### World stocks

Wall Street stock prices weakened over last week as the Midcap classic between the US and Iran disturbed investors and there was no new developments to stir the market with the dollar being directionless, providing little guidance.

Prices fell through the 2000 level before recovering later in the week on futures-related programme activity.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2000 and closed at 2015, near the previous week's closing level of 2014.

Shares prices on the London Stock Exchange fluctuated over last week and ended lower on recently reduced bid activity, little hope of a cut in UK base rates following worse-than-expected UK March bank lending and money supply data which pointed to inflationary pressure building up in the UK economy, and fears of possible large right turns in the new account all weighed heavily on market sentiment.

The FTSE-100 opened the week at 1788 and closed at 1776, unchanged from its previous week's closing.

#### US dollar

The US dollar was generally mixed against other major currencies and traded in a narrow range except against the pound sterling which surged against the US to its highest level since 1981.

The Fed is said to have intervened with Bank of England to support the dollar.

#### Gold

Gold bullion prices opened the week higher at \$459.25/459.75 and closed lower at \$449.44/449.50 showing a loss of \$7 over the previous week's closing of \$456.50. Gold continued to lose ground over the week to end below \$450. According to the chairman and chief executive officer of Homestake Mining Co., the cost of putting new US gold mines into operation is going up after years of declines.

#### Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week at the same level of the week before last closing of SF1.3725/35 and closed lower at SF1.3850/60.

#### Oil prices

Oil prices in the world markets increased last week. Spot prices for North Sea Brent crude were between \$16.60—17.80 range compared with \$15.50—16.80 range recorded the week before last.

Prices for May cargoes were higher too, ranging between \$16.65—17.75 compared with \$15.55—16.90 range recorded the week before last.

#### Japanese yen

The Japanese yen remained strong though it was locked in a narrow trading



SPANISH police broke their own month-old record for Europe's biggest cocaine haul, seizing 562 kilos of the drug in a civil war bunker on a Costa Brava beach, officials said. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE JOHN PAUL II, seated under a canopy on the stage in front of St Peter's Basilica, during an outdoor beatification ceremony. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN ISRAELI police officer (right) argues with an Arab shopkeeper near the Damascus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. Shopkeepers opened their businesses on Sunday for three hours only, in defiance of police orders to remain open all day. (Reuter wirephoto)



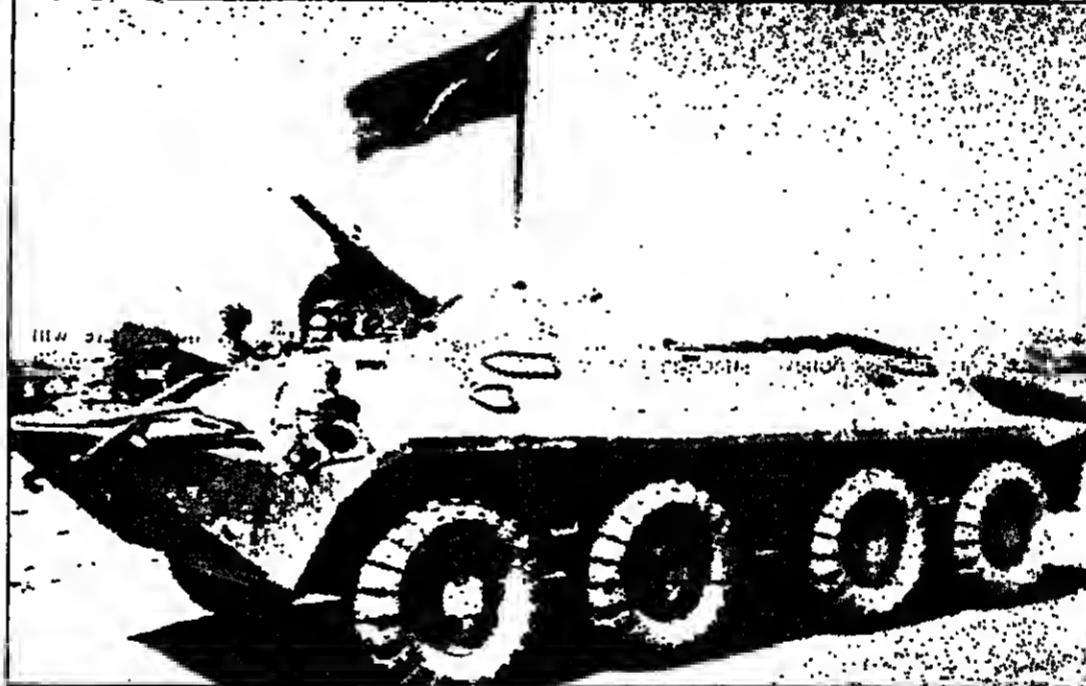
CHILDREN from the tribal homeland of Transkei play soccer with white holidaymakers camping on a remote beach on South Africa's Indian Ocean coast. (Reuter wirephoto)



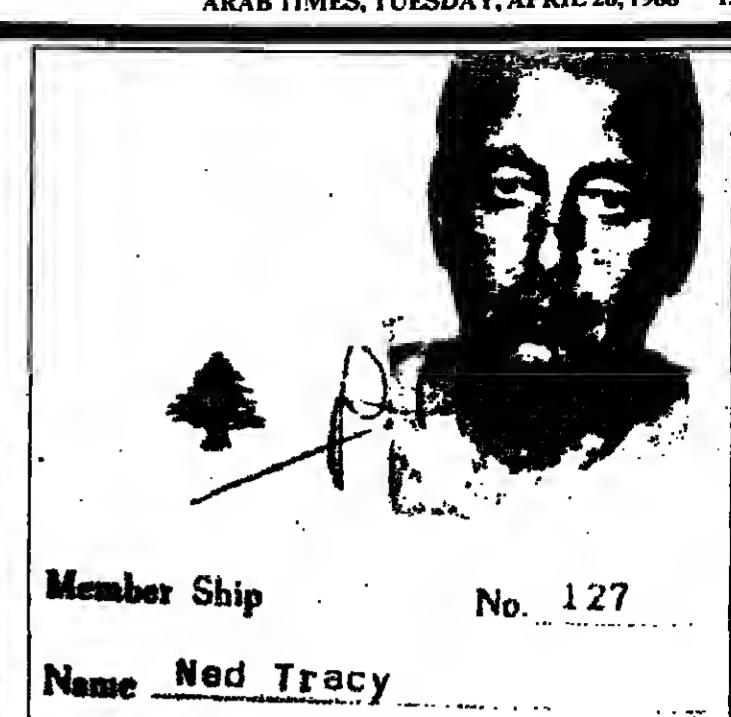
JEAN-MARIE LE PEN, candidate for the extreme right National Front party, and his daughter Marine, embrace each other at the National Front headquarters outside Paris on Sunday. Le Pen is the big winner in France's presidential elections although he did not progress beyond the first round. Le Pen won more than 14 per cent of the national vote surpassing all opinion poll estimates. (Reuter wirephoto)



RELATIVES of foreign hostages held in Lebanon attend a Sunday mass at a church in Christian East Beirut. The mass was organised by the Vatican's mission in Lebanon and Papal Nuncio Angeloni led the prayers. Front from left to right: unidentified hostage relative, Denise Carton (centre) and her two daughters (back row) Virginia Steen, Firyal Polhill, Ilham Cicippio and Jean Sutherland. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SOVIET soldier steers an armoured personnel carrier through the streets of Kabul on Sunday as an Afghan flag flutters in the background. The Soviets are beginning preparations for the recently signed withdrawal agreement. (Reuter wirephoto)



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Name Ned Tracy  
Father Edward Mother Doris  
Name Name  
Date of Birth 1930  
Address 176 S. Boustanly str.  
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A PHOTOCOPY of American hostage Edward Tracy's residence permit in Lebanon delivered along with a handwritten statement by his kidnappers the Revolutionary Justice Organisation to a Western news agency in Beirut on Sunday. The RJO threatened to kill two Americans they hold in Lebanon if the US continued its attacks on Iran in the Gulf. (Reuter wirephoto)



EIGHT people died and two were seriously injured when this plane carrying parachutists crashed after take-off from Lens in the north of France on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS CAROLINE of Monaco is smiling during the final of the Monte Carlo tennis open, while Andrea, her son is watching the Lendl-Jaite match. (Reuter wirephoto)



BLUES great James Brown performs before a capacity crowd at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans on Sunday. The festival features musical groups from all over the country. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CHILD carrying her doll stays close to her mother in a voting booth of a Paris polling station on Sunday. France's two-stage presidential election opened with outgoing head of state Francois Mitterrand poised to top Prime Minister Jacques Chirac in the field of nine candidates. (Reuter wirephoto)







**SPORTS**

STEIN SCORES TWICE FOR NEW CHAMPIONS

# Luton edge past Arsenal for Cup

**LONDON**, April 25. (Reuter): Unfashionable Luton Town won the first major trophy in their 103-year history when they beat bolders Arsenal 3-2 in the English League Cup soccer final yesterday.

In a dramatic and highly entertaining match, Luton took a one goal lead, fell 2-1 behind in the second half, but fought back to clinch the Cup with a last minute goal.

Former England striker Brian Stein opened the scoring after 13 minutes and also grabbed the decisive goal seconds from the finish to crown a tremendous personal performance.

**Equalised**

Arsenal, who only played in the manner of bolders and hot favourites for a 10 minute spell midway through the second period, equalised after 71 minutes through substitute Martin Hayes.

Three minutes later striker Alan Smith put them ahead for the first time and it seemed Luton's hopes would be ended when Arsenal were a yard away in the 79th minute.

Luton's reserve goalkeeper Andy Dihle pulled off a brilliant save from Nigel Winterburn's spot kick, however, to revive his injury team.

From then until the final whistle they took control with Northern Irish international midfielder Danny Wilson equalising in the



Danny Wilson scores an 82nd-minute equaliser for Luton. (Reuter wirephoto)

which Brian Stein anticipated. Stein finished with the crisp and accurate low shot.

Arsenal laboured in midfield to regain control but could do little to prevent Luton from carving out several further opportunities early in the second half when winger Kingsley Black began to take the game by storm.

From a Black cross, Harford headed narrowly wide and then from a Harford cross, Stein forced a brilliant save from John Lukic.

But Luton were unable to score again in this spell and Harford limped off injured after 57 minutes to hand Arsenal the psychological advantage.

Luton substitute Mark Stein, younger brother of Brian, almost scored with his first real touch, but shot over the bar, and Arsenal responded with a period of convincing pressure.

They equalised when Foster failed to clear a free kick from Paul Davis and Hayes scrambled a loose ball into the net.

Three minutes afterwards, Smith ran onto a pass from midfielder Michael Thomas to put Luton ahead and leave Luton racing at what seemed an imminent defeat.

Smith twice hit the woodwork with headers before the penalty award which looked to have shut Luton out.

When Dihle saved the spot-kick, Luton recovered their

spirits and drew level with eight minutes remaining. Arsenal defender Gus Caesar, playing in place of injured captain David O'Leary, was dispossessed by Mark Stein. Black crossed from the left, a Brian Stein shot was blocked but from the rebound he crossed again for Wilson to stoop and head in.

With only seconds remaining, Luton's second substitute, Ashley Grimes, made space on the right and crossed with his left foot for Brian Stein to volley the winner.

Dihle said of the vital penalty: "I made up my mind to go to the left and I guessed correctly. I hand't got it right the last couple of penalties but I'm over the moon."

Ray Harford, the Luton manager, added: "I thought it wasn't to be when they got the penalty. Winning our first major trophy means we're now a big club."

Arsenal — John Lukic, Nigel Winterburn, Kenny Sansom, Michael Thomas, Gus Caesar, Tony Adams, David Rocastle, Paul Davis, Alan Smith, Perry Groves (Martin Hayes 60th min), Kevin Richardson.

Luton — Andy Dihle, Tim Brecker, Rob Johnson, Ricky Hill, Danny Wilson, Brian Stein, Mick Harford (Mark Stein 63rd), David Preece (Ashley Grimes 77th), Kingsley Black.



Sanchez (right) is in flight as he dives to head the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Real clinch Spanish crown

**MADRID**, April 25. (Reuter): Real Madrid clinched their 23rd Spanish soccer championship and their third in succession yesterday with a 6-0 mauling of relegation-threatened Real Betis.

The easy victory before 80,000 delighted fans at their Bernabeu stadium leaves Real with an unassailable 11-point lead over second-placed Real Sociedad with four games to go in the First Division.

**Dumped**

And it will make amends for Real's disappointing goalless draw with Dutch side PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday which dumped the Spaniards out of the European Cup.

Real Sociedad, coached by Briton John Toshack, lost 1-0 at home to Murcia.

It was Murcia's first win over Real Sociedad in San Sebastian.

Real Madrid's Ricardo Gallego, who drilled past two players outside the penalty area and shot powerfully home off the left post, was the 20th minute.

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**Vital**

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Police said seven fans were treated before the match for knife wounds and six others detained for various offences.

Napoli, beaten 3-1 by Juventus last week, face tough contests against Milan, Fiorentina and Sampdoria before the season closes on May 15.

Yesterday, Juventus did well to salvage a draw after a penalty converted by Fulvio Bonomi and a shot by Italian international Gianluca Vialli left them 2-0 down to Sampdoria 40 minutes into the game.

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## James leads

SHEFFIELD, England, April 25, (Reuter): Steve James, a 500-l outsider at the start of the tournament, looked set to end the hopes of 1986 champion and last year's beaten finalist Joe Johnson in the World Snooker Championship yesterday when he extended his lead to 11-5 by the close.

## Horse race

PARIS, April 25, (Reuter): In Extremis beat the hot favourite Drapeau Tricolore, who had been considered as Epsom Derby runner in winning the Group Three Prix de Guiche horse race at Longchamp yesterday.

## Easy winner

ROME, April 25, (Reuter): Lonely Bird, ridden by the up and coming Luca Sorrentino, was an easy six length winner of the Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1,000 Guineas) at the Capannelle yesterday.

## English pair

PAYERNE, Switzerland, April 25, (Reuter): English pair Kurt Nicoll and David Thorpe continued their flying start to the 500cc World Motocross Championship with victories in the Swiss Grand Prix yesterday.

## Second victory

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, April 25, (AP): Geoff Braham and John Mortoo gave Nissan its second consecutive Camel GT victory yesterday by winning the three-hour Grand Prix of Palm Beach.

## Marathon trials

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, April 25, (AP): Mark Cooover, competing in only his second marathon, scored a stunning victory in the US Olympic men's marathon trials yesterday and earned \$50,000 and a ticket to the Seoul Games.

## Swiss runner

BERN, Switzerland, April 25, (AP): Swiss runner Sandra Gaspar, who was banned from international track and field for two years and had a World Championship bronze medal taken away after positive dope test, will go before a judge in London in her fight to be reinstated.

## Rugby match

SYDNEY, Australia, April 25, (AP): New Zealand provincial Auckland notched its third straight victory yesterday by thrashing Wellington 58-0 in the third round of the South Pacific Rugby Union championship, at Eden Park, Auckland.

## Golf course

MOSCOW, April 25, (AP): Golf is joining baseball and bowling among the Western sports to reach the Soviet Union, where the first golf course is being built.

## Pumori climbers

KATHMANDU, Nepal, April 25, (AP): An Indonesian expedition climbing Mount Pumori has established its camp two at an altitude of 6,500 metres (21,320 feet), according to a report received here today.

## Three killed

DALLAS, April 25, (AP): Three people were killed and several others injured yesterday when a pickup truck carrying 11 people, including several members of a soccer team from Britain, overturned, police said. Killed in the 3:30 am (0830 GMT) accident were Sandra Ann Spiker, 22, of Richardson, Texas; Lee Doolan, 28, and Mark Jones, 21, both of Wales.

## PAKISTAN LOSE QUICK WICKETS

## Marshall puts W. Indies in control

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 25, (Agencies): Malcolm Marshall struck 48 and then took three wickets for only 26 runs as West Indies fought back to take control of the third and final Test yesterday.

Marshall first dismissed Rameez Raja with the score only six and then took the prize wicket of Javed Miandad and Aamir Malik as Pakistan slumped from 153 for three to 177 for six by the close of the third day's game.

## Dismissed

Marshall earlier influenced a significant tail-end flourish in which West Indies, 226 for eight overnight, added a further 30 runs in even time before they were dismissed for 306 — three behind on first innings.

Pakistan, who lead 1-0 in the series, had 30 minutes batting after lunch in which they scored 16 for one.

Marshall's main ally with the bat was fellow paceman Winston Benjamin, and the pair extended their ninth wicket stand to 58 with some exhilarating shots against Imran Khan and Wasim Akram who they took the second new ball.

Marshall greeted it with two



Marshall: three for 26

cover-drive fours in the first over from Wasim, and both batsmen scored so freely that 52 had been added off 6.4 overs with the new ball when Marshall was dismissed.

He tried to steer a wide delivery from Imran and edged

the ball to stand-in wicketkeeper Aamir Malik, deputising for Salim Yousuf, who fractured his nose when he was struck by a Marshall bouncer on Friday.

Marshall's 62-ball innings — he hit six fours and a six that was square-cut off Wasim — was fol-

owed by further free hitting from Benjamin and Courtney Walsh until the former was run out for 31 trying to steal a second run.

Imran ended with three for 108, lifting his tally for the series to 23 wickets, and Akram had three for 88.

After Pakistan lost Rameez early in the innings, Mudassar Nazar and Shoail Mohammed repaired the damage by putting on 94 for the second wicket.

But shortly before tea, Mudassar was caught off a delivery from off spinner Carl Hooper that bounced and took the shoulder of the bat to lob up to Gordon Greenidge at slip. Mudassar made 41, his highest of the series in which Pakistan lead 1-0.

But after the fall of Shoail at 153, Pakistan seemed to wilt under pressure from the West Indian bowlers. Pakistan lost four wickets for only 16 runs, including three for only four runs, before Imran and Wasim prevented further damage before the close.

**Scoreboard**  
PAKISTAN first innings 309  
(Rameez Raja 54, Shoail Mohammed 54 M. Marshall four for 79)

West Indies first innings (overnight 226 for eight)  
G. Greenidge lbw b Imran ..... 10  
D. Haynes c Aamir b Mudassar ..... 48  
R. Richardson c Aamir b Akram ..... 3  
C. Hooper b Akram ..... 54  
V. Richards c Mudassar b Akram ..... 67  
G. Logie c Miandad b Mudassar ..... 0  
J. Dejon run out ..... 0  
M. Marshall c Aamir b Imran ..... 48  
C. Ambrose lbw b Imran ..... 7  
W. Benjamin run out ..... 31  
C. Walsh not out ..... 14  
Extras (b-5 lb-11 nb-5) ..... 24  
Total ..... 306  
Fall of wickets: 1-18 2-21 3-100 4-198 5-199 7-201 8-225 9-283.

Bowling: Imran 25-3-108-3 (nb-5), Akram 27-1-88-3 (nb-2), Qadir 15-1-35-0 (nb-1), Jaffer 7-1-35-0, Mudassar 10-4-24-2.

**PAKISTAN second innings**  
Mudassar Nazar c Greenidge b Hooper ..... 41  
Rameez Raja c Logie b Marshall ..... 4  
Shoail Mohammed c and b Richards ..... 64  
Javed Miandad c Dejon b Marshall ..... 34  
Salim Malik lbw b Benjamin ..... 9  
Aamir Malik c Logie b Marshall ..... 2  
Imran Khan not out ..... 6  
Wasim Akram not out ..... 0  
Extras (b-2 lb-8 nb-7) ..... 17  
Total (six wickets) ..... 177

Fall of wickets: 1-6 2-100 3-153 4-165 5-167 6-169.

Bowling to date: Marshall 12-2-26-3, Ambrose 14-3-49-0, Benjamin 8-0-27-1, Walsh 9-0-18-0, Hooper 10-1-39-1, Richards 7-3-8-1.

**Paradise edge past Kheitan**



Maqsood: hit 51

**PARADISE Cricket Club** scored a one-run victory over Kheitan Eleven in a Sabah knock-out cricket tournament match at the Safeway ground over the weekend.

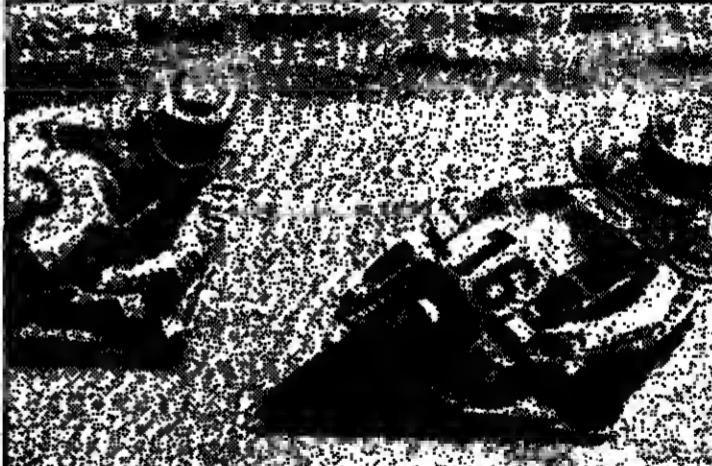
Paradise, battoning first, scored 183 in 25 allotted overs. Maqsood was their top scorer with 51. Maqsood hammered two sixes and four fours.

## Valuable

The other batsmen to do well were Anwar, who slammed 39, and Javed, with 18 valuable runs.

Kheitan seemed to be cruising along to victory when they ran into some accurate bowling and just fell short of their target by one run. They managed to score 182 for the loss of six wickets.

Sohail took three wickets while Latif got two and Azim one.



Magee (right) stays ahead of Lawson. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Gooch flays Kent again with Sunday League 90

LONDON, April 25, (Reuter): Graham Gooch, who hit his highest score in first-class cricket of 275 for Essex against Kent on Saturday, tormented the same opponents in the Sunday League by hammering 90.

England opener Gooch made his runs from 87 deliveries and struck 10 fours, sweeping Essex to a nine-wicket victory at Chelmsford on the opening day of the 40 overs competition.

Gooch shared a first-wicket partnership of 145 in 29 overs with Brian Hardie, who hit an unbeaten 78, and Essex reached their target at 202 for one with 21 balls to spare. Kent had been restricted to 201 for eight largely by medium-pacer Don Topley, who took three for 46.

Title holders Worcestershire went down by seven wickets at Old Trafford where Lancashire were thrashed firmly towards success by Sri Lankan-born Gehan Mendis (42) and Graeme Fowler (44), who opened with a stand of 92 to 17 overs. Victory came at 176 for three with 22 balls left.

Worcestershire were given early momentum by a vigorous 39 from Ian Botham, in his Sunday role as one Opener, but only former Lancashire all-rounder Steve O'Shaughnessy, with exactly 50 to 50 balls, sustained the tempo. Worcestershire made 172 for eight.

Hampshire's long-serving left-handed batsman David Turner made the first hundred of the 1988 competition, but his unbeaten 103 was out enough to overcome Surrey, who won by 22 runs at Southampton.

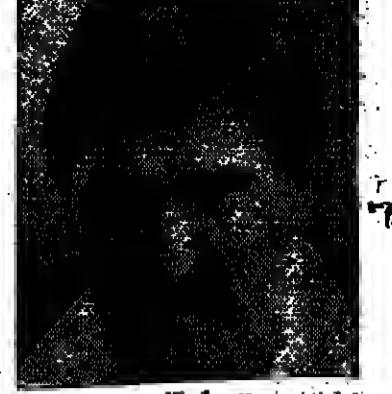
Former England opener David Smith hit 75 in 85 balls to help Surrey to 236 for nine but Turner, who made his county debut 20 years ago, stole the spotlight. He and South African Steve Jefferies put 95 for the fifth wicket, but Hampshire ended on 214 for five.

**Pistons outclass 76ers**

PONTIAC, Michigan, April 25, (AP): Isiah Thomas had 25 points and 14 assists and Joe Dumars added 24 points, leading the Detroit Pistons to a 128-118 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Pistons, the Central Division champions, finished the regular season 54-28 and will play the Washington Bullets in the first round of the playoffs beginning Thursday night at the Poothole Silverdome. The 76ers, 36-46, failed to qualify for the playoffs for the first time in 13 years.

Hockets 127, Suns 119  
Akeem Olajuwon had 26 points and 18 rebounds and



Gooch: in terrific form

for six innings closed (R. Harden 52, J. Hardy 45), Sussex 195 for five in 39 overs (P. Parker 90), Sussex four points.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Glamorgan by five wickets, Glamorgan 176 for six innings closed (R. Shastri 84 not out). Gloucestershire 177 for five in 39 overs (W. Athey 67, A. Stovold 41). Gloucestershire four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Worcestershire by seven wickets. Worcestershire 172 for eight innnings closed (S. O'Shaughnessy 50), Lancashire 176 for three in 36.2 overs (G. Fowler 43, G. Mendis 42, N. Fairbrother 40 not out). Lancashire four points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Nottinghamshire by four wickets. Nottinghamshire 165 for seven innnings closed (T. Robinson 40, N. Williams three for 28), Middlesex 166 for six in 38.1 overs (P. Dowton, 49, J. Embury 47). Middlesex four points.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by nine wickets, Leicestershire 168 in 37.3 overs (N. Briers 42, A. Warner three for 21), Derbyshire 171 for one in 39.3 overs (K. Barnett 77 not out; B. Roberts 47 not out). Derbyshire four points.

At Cheamford: Essex beat Kent by nine wickets. Kent 201 for eight innnings closed (S. Hinks 55, C. Cowdry 45), Essex 202 for one in 36.3 overs (G. Gooch 90, B. Hardie 78 not out). Essex four points.

At Southampton: (restricted to 39 overs-a-side) Surrey beat Hampshire by 22 runs. Surrey 236 for nine innnings closed (D. Smith 75, A. Stewart 53), Hampshire 214 for five innnings closed (D. Turner 103 not out, P. Terry 43). Surrey four points.

## Rodney McCray keyed a third-quarter surge, leading the Houston Rockets to a 127-119 victory over Phoenix.

The Rockets, who will meet the Dallas Mavericks Thursday night at Dallas' reunion arena in the first game of a first-round NBA playoff series, ended the regular season by snapping a three-game losing streak. The Suns finished with their seventh straight road loss and ended the season with a 28-54 record.

## Results

Chicago	115	Boston	106
L.A. Lakers	136	Golden State	109
Dallas	119	San Antonio	109
Detroit	128	Philadelphia	118
Houston	127	Phoenix	119
Seattle	109	L.A. Clippers	100

## Mitchell aims to retain WBA crown

MADRID, April 25, (Reuter): South African Brian Mitchell is confident of a clear-cut victory when he defends his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-lightweight world title again against Puerto Rico's Jose Rivera tomorrow.

Mitchell barely managed to escape with his title when he fought Rivera last year in San Juan. He battled back then from a fourth-round knockout to earn a draw and retain the crown.

"I shall win," said Mitchell, who tangles with Rivera at the 900-seat capacity Scala Mella dance hall. "I don't know in which round, but I am sure of retaining the crown."

## RESULTS of the Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club game held last Wednesday:

NJS

1. Nahil Akel & Lolita Muthwaite

2. Rita Camaccini & Diana Mousset

3. Salma Alhabshi & Elly Lammerits

E/W

1. Margaret Maynard & Daphne El Saad

2. Suzanne Cattermole & Donna Matersky

3. Nida Khalaf & Juliette Chiles

Results of the Meshilah Ladies Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

1. Nida Khalaf & Juliette Chiles

2. Nahil Akel & Lolita Muthwaite

3. Lydia Edwards & Pearl Leavy

Results of the Hilton Bridge game held on Sunday:

1. Nahil Akel & Lolita Muthwaite

2. Rita Camaccini & Abby Tiab

3. Sudhir Dumas & Narendra Shah